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## TOTAL RECALL



Families of victims of a General Motors safety defects in small cars hold photos of their loved ones as they gather on the lawn on Capitol Hill in Washington. Families of those who died in General Motors cars with defective ignition switches want prosecutors to go after GM insiders responsible for letting the problems fester for more than decade, and perhaps for covering them up.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

## Angry Families Want GM Prosecuted For Defects

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The families of those who died in General Motors cars with

defective ignition switches want prosecutors to go after GM insiders responsible for letting the problems fester for more than a decade — and perhaps for

covering them up. “The only way the public is going to be protected from this negligence by companies is if there will ultimately be prison sentences,” said Leo

Ruddy of Scranton, Pennsylvania, whose 21-year-old daughter Kelly was killed in 2010 when her Chevrolet Cobalt veered inexplicably off the highway and

crashed. Family members attended hearings in Washington last week that stoked those sentiments.

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## Missing Flight 370: Ships race to investigate pinger signals

**NICK PERRY**  
**Associated Press**

**PERTH, Australia (AP)** — Searchers hunting for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet raced toward a patch of the southern Indian Ocean on Sunday to determine whether a few brief sounds picked up by underwater equipment came from the plane's black boxes, whose battery-powered pingers are on the verge of dying out. Ships scouring a remote stretch of water for the plane that vanished nearly a month ago detected three separate sounds over three days. A Chinese ship picked up an electronic pulsing signal on Friday and again on Saturday, and an Australian ship carrying sophisticated deep-sea acoustic equipment detected a signal in a different area on Sunday, the head of the multinational search said. The two black boxes contain flight data and cockpit voice recordings that

could solve one of the most baffling mysteries in modern aviation: who or what caused Flight 370 to veer radically off course and vanish March 8 while traveling from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing with 239 people on board. But there were questions about whether any of the sounds were the breakthrough that searchers are desperately seeking or just another dead end in a hunt seemingly full of them, with experts expressing doubt that the equipment aboard the Chinese ship was capable of picking up signals from the black boxes. "This is an important and encouraging lead, but one which I urge you to treat carefully," retired Australian Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, who is coordinating the search, told reporters in Perth. He warned that the sounds were "fleeting, fleeting acoustic events," not the more extended transmis-

sions that would be expected. "We are dealing with very deep water. We are dealing with an environment where sometimes you can get false indications," Houston said. "There are lots of noises in the ocean, and sometimes the acoustic equipment can rebound, echo if you like." Searchers are racing against time to find the voice and data recorders. The devices emit "pings" so they can be more easily found, but the batteries last only about a month. China's official Xinhua News Agency reported Saturday that the patrol vessel Haixun 01 detected a "pulse signal" Friday at 37.5 kilohertz — the same frequency used by the airliner's black boxes. Houston confirmed the report and said the Haixun 01 detected a signal again on Saturday within 2 kilometers (1.4 miles) of the original signal, for 90 seconds. □



**A U.S. Navy plane P-8 Poseidon takes off from Perth Airport on the route to rejoin the search operation for the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 in Perth, Australia, Sunday, April 6, 2014. Retired Australian Air Chief Marshall Angus Houston, the head of the multinational search for the missing Malaysia airlines jet, confirmed that a Chinese ship had picked up electronic pulsing signals twice in a small patch of the search zone, once on Friday and again on Saturday, but he stressed the signals had not been verified as linked to the missing plane. (AP Photo/Rob Griffith)**

## Spain stops riot gear exports to Venezuela

**MADRID (AP)** — Spain has indefinitely suspended the export of riot control equipment to Venezuela's government following weeks of unrest there which have seen an increase in violence as police face sustained protests by the opposition. Speaking in Athens on Saturday, Foreign Min-

ister Jose Manuel Garcia Margallo said "it is a fact" that Spain has suspended sales because "it is logical not to add fuel to the fire when there is a conflict." The decision was made by a government panel March 6, but only now confirmed publicly. Garcia Margallo said Spain has a

special interest in Venezuela because 200,000 Spaniards live there. He said the government was following developments in Venezuela carefully because 30 Spaniards have been arrested by forces loyal to the socialist administration of President Nicolas Maduro. □

## AROUND THE CARIBBEAN

### Police find 4 bodies on remote cay

**NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)** — Police in the Bahamas say the badly burnt bodies of four people have been found on a remote southern cay of the sprawling archipelago. The Royal Bahamas Defense Force said Sunday that the charred corpses of three men and one woman have been found on Anguilla Cay. The barren, uninhabited cay is relatively close to Cuba. Lt. Commander Raymond King says tires appeared to have been set alight on top of the bodies. The corpses have been brought to New Providence, the main island of the country, off Florida's eastern coast. □

### Jamaica seeks calm after shootout

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — Jamaican police are appealing for calm in a troubled section of the capital after gunmen shot a dozen people, killing a 12-year-old boy and a man. The Jamaica Constabulary Force is blaming an upsurge of violence in West Kingston's Denham Town on a new crop of gangsters fighting for control of the gang-steeped area. The late Friday shooting killed 12-year-old Kawayne McAnuff, a man and wounded 10 other people. It's being blamed on a gang called New Generation. They're asking residents to remain calm as police activities are ongoing. □

### Guyana probing gold fraud scheme

**GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP)** — Authorities in Guyana are probing whether locally mined gold laced with silver alloy has been shipped to markets overseas. Police have closed the Guyana Gold Board's buying office in a remote Guyanese mining town that regulated the sale of raw gold. Investigators say the office in Bartica allegedly mixed silver with mined gold and then sent it to the capital as pure gold. Mining Minister Robert Persaud said Sunday that investigators are trying to determine the extent of the fraud. So far, four people have been arrested. □

### 2 face life in prison for police killing

**CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP)** — Two men arrested 11 years after the disappearance of a U.S. Virgin Islands policeman have been sentenced to life in prison for his murder. A judge this weekend ordered that Jose Ventura and Jose Rivera Jr. remain in prison without the possibility of parole. The suspects were accused of kidnapping, torturing and killing police Cpl. Wendell Williams. He was last seen in June 2001 after dropping off a relative at the airport. During the trial, a witness testified that she saw Williams being electrocuted, shot and dismembered. □

### Haiti's tighter adoption rules kick in

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)** — Foreigners seeking to adopt a child from Haiti will now have better assurances the new family member wasn't trafficked. The Hague Adoption Convention took effect in Haiti this weekend after Haitian officials demonstrated their country has adopted legislation to follow the treaty's provisions. Prospective parents will now be able to adopt only from adoption agencies certified by the Haitian government's social welfare agency. The rules require that couples adopting children must have been married a minimum of five years, with one spouse at least 30 years old. □





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## Obama's executive actions to test workplace ideas

**JIM KUHNHENN**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama lacks congressional support to raise wages or end gender pay disparities. But Obama is still able to impose his policies on federal contractors, in keeping with presidents' tradition of exerting their powers on a fraction of the economy they directly control. Obama will sign an executive order Tuesday barring federal contractors from retaliating against employees who discuss their pay with each other. The order is similar to language in a Senate bill aimed at closing a pay gap between men and women. That measure is scheduled for a vote this week, but is unlikely to pass. The president also will direct the Labor Department to adopt rules requiring federal contractors to provide compensation data based on sex and race. He plans to sign the two executive orders during an

event at the White House where he will be joined by Lilly Ledbetter, a female worker whose name appears on a pay discrimination law Obama signed in 2009.

The moves showcase Obama's efforts to seek action without congressional approval and demonstrate that even without legislation, the president can drive economic policy.

At the same time, they show the limits of his ambition when he doesn't have the support of Congress for his initiatives.

Republicans say Obama is pushing his executive powers too far and should do more to work with Congress. His new executive orders are sure to lead to criticism that he is placing an undue burden on companies and increasing their costs.

Federal contracting covers about one-quarter of the U.S. workforce and includes companies rang-



President Barack Obama puts on a glove before starting a round of golf at Andrews Air Force Base on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

ing from Boeing to small parts suppliers and service providers. As a result, presidential directives can have a wide and direct impact. Such actions also can be largely symbolic, designed to spur action in the broad-

er economy.

"This really is about giving people access to more information both to help them make decisions at the policy level but also for individuals," said Heather Boushey, executive direc-

tor and chief economist at the Washington Center for Equitable Growth. She has been working with the administration to get compensation information about the nation's workforce. □

## Senate likely to pass bill extending unemployment benefits

**JONATHAN WEISMAN**  
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**WASHINGTON** - The Senate is expected to easily approve legislation Monday restoring unemployment benefits to nearly 3 million people, throwing the bill to a divided House where Republicans favor starkly different approaches to the issue.

Six Senate Republicans joined all 55 Democrats last week to end debate on legislation that retroactively restores benefits cut off December 28 and extends them through June 1, clearing the way for passage Monday.

Seven House Republicans from high-unemployment regions or swing districts plan to send the House speaker, John A. Boehner of Ohio, a letter coinciding with Senate passage to urge him to take up the Senate bill or a similar measure. Other House Republicans are pressing to attach to the Senate bill what they call job-creation measures: building the transcontinental Keystone XL pipeline; consolidating job training programs; or requiring employer-mandated health care coverage for employees who work 40 hours a week, rather than 30, as

written in President Barack Obama's health care law. But many House Republicans oppose passing the unemployment benefits under any circumstances, arguing that such "emergency" benefits are no longer needed nearly six years after they were first extended at the outset of the recession.

"To me it's important to get this done, politically to get it off the table, but also there are people who need it," said Rep. Peter T. King, R-N.Y., one of the drafters of the new House letter. "If we're blaming Obama for the economy we shouldn't

be penalizing people who are the victims."

Democrats would like an improving economy to benefit Obama - and thus benefit them during the 2014 congressional campaigns. But they also want to keep the pressure on Republicans to renew unemployment benefits.

Republicans have the opposite task: Paint the economic recovery as woeful but not so bad as to warrant renewed aid to the unemployed.

"America doesn't work when hardworking people can't find the jobs or hours they need to make ends

meet," Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., the House majority leader, said Friday.

Republicans pushing for the benefits include: Reps. Jon Runyan, Christopher Smith and Frank A. LoBiondo of New Jersey; King, Chris Gibson, and Michael Grimm of New York; and Joe Heck, whose Nevada district has the third highest unemployment rate.

"There are still states having a hard time getting out of this recession," Heck said, adding that he opposed loading an unemployment bill with other matters favored by fellow Republicans. □



# Angry families want GM prosecuted for defects

**Continued from front**

Lawmakers confronted GM CEO Mary Barra with what they said was evidence that, in 2006, a company employee intentionally tried to conceal the switch problem. And the head of the nation's auto safety watchdog said GM withheld critical information that connected the failing switch to air bags that didn't deploy in a crash. "I don't see this as anything but criminal," said Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte, a former state prosecutor. However, even if an employee or employees did conceal information, it's uncertain whether they would be charged with a crime. Legal experts say

it's easier to prove wrongdoing by a corporation than by individuals. The internal documents that can be used to build a case against the company might be inadmissible as evidence against individuals. And it can be hard to prove that individuals knowingly made false statements.

The Justice Department didn't bring charges against any individuals last month when it closed a yearslong investigation of Toyota.

GM has acknowledged that in 2004 and 2005, engineers submitted proposals to fix the switches in Cobalts, Saturn Ions and other small cars, but the fixes were never implemented.



Leo Ruddy, center, and his wife Mary Theresa Ruddy, right, from Scranton, Pa., holds up photographs of their daughter Kelly Erin Ruddy and the 2005 Chevy Cobalt that she crashed and died, as they sit in the audience to listen to testimony by General Motors CEO Mary Barra, left, on Capitol Hill in Washington. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

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GM says upper management only became aware of the problem last year. A recall of the small cars, now up to 2.6 million vehicles, began in February. On Wednesday, Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill accused one GM employee of a cover-up. Ray DeGiorgio, the lead switch engineer on the Cobalt, said in a deposition last year for a lawsuit against GM that he never approved a change to the ignition switch.

But McCaskill produced a document from GM's switch supplier that showed DeGiorgio signed off on a replacement, but with the same part number. Failing to change a part number makes the part harder to track. Appearing Sunday on ABC television's "This Week," McCaskill said, "There is no reason to keep the same part number unless you're trying to hide the fact that you've got a defective switch out there that in fact ended up killing a number of people on our highways."

Paul Rothstein, a Georgetown University law professor, wouldn't speak specifi-

cally about DeGiorgio, but said someone "caught in a lie" could be more vulnerable to individual prosecution.

Barra called the failure to change the part number "unacceptable." She said the company has not yet fired any employees in connection with the recall. But she said if inappropriate decisions were made, GM will take action, including firing those involved. Barra said at the hearing that DeGiorgio still works at GM. The company declined to make him available for an interview.

"If you can go to jail for insider trading and things like that, which is just making money, if you do something that caused a loss of life ... (the penalty) should be more than just a few dollars," said Ken Rimer, whose stepdaughter died in a 2006 accident after a faulty switch prevented air bags from deploying. But Matt Axelrod, a former federal prosecutor now in private practice in Washington, said prosecutors face a higher burden to prove criminal wrongdoing. □



## Near Fort Hood, church service honors fallen

WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

**KILLEEN, Texas (AP)** — The church program pictured an empty road being enveloped by the dark clouds of a sweeping thunderstorm, and the service's lesson was from Isaiah 35:4, "Be strong, fear not." The preacher implored those gathered Sunday that they would find hope in God, but also acknowledged the question on everyone's mind: Why Fort Hood — again?

What would have been a routine Sunday service at Tabernacle Baptist Church just outside the sprawling Texas military base became a tribute to the soldiers killed four days earlier when a fellow service member opened fire. It also offered some catharsis for the community struggling to comprehend Fort Hood's second fatal shooting rampage in less than five years.



Rebecca Gutierrez, Marcus Bates and Daniel Ramirez pray for the victims and families affected by the Fort Hood shooting during a memorial service at the Tabernacle Baptist Church on Sunday, April 6, 2014, in Killeen, Texas. On April 2, 2014, three people were killed and 16 were wounded when a gunman opened fire before taking his own life at the Fort Hood military base.

(AP Photo/ Tamir Kalifa)

Similar somber religious gatherings were held throughout the military town of Killeen, but there were more questions than answers.

"A lot of us, I think this morning, are asking the question, 'Why? Why

would this happen? Why Fort Hood again? Why are these types of things al-

lowed to happen?" Pastor Robert Sperbeck told dozens gathered at Tabernacle, where 90 percent of the congregation is current or retired military personnel. "The devil is the author of what happened on Wednesday, but we do know the answer, we know there is hope."

Investigators say Spc. Ivan Lopez, an Army truck driver from Puerto Rico, had argued with soldiers in his unit moments before killing three people and wounding 16 others and then fatally shooting himself. Base officials have said Lopez, who saw no combat during a deployment to Iraq, was being treated for depression and anxiety while being assessed for post-traumatic stress disorder. □

## Navy rescues family with sick baby from sailboat

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — U.S. sailors rescued an American family with an ill 1-year-old from a sailboat that broke down hundreds of miles off the Mexican coast — boarding them Sunday onto a San Diego-bound Navy ship so the girl could get medical treatment.

The baby girl, Lyra, was in stable condition at 8 a.m. Sunday when sailors helped her, her 3-year-old sister, Cora, and her parents, Charlotte and Eric Kaufman leave their sailboat and brought them aboard the USS Vandegrift. The frigate was expected to arrive in San Diego mid-week, Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Barry Bena said.

The Kaufmans were two weeks into a sailing trip around the world when Lyra developed a fever and a rash covering most of her body and wasn't responding to medications. After their 36-foot sailboat lost steering and commu-

nication abilities about 900 miles southwest of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, they sent a satellite call for help to the U.S. Coast Guard on Thursday.

Four California Air National Guard members parachuted into the water and reached the boat Thursday night. The crew stabilized the girl and stayed by her side until the Navy frigate arrived at about 1 a.m. Sunday.

Sailors waited until daylight to move the family from their inoperable sailboat, "Rebel Heart," which authorities were in the process of sinking Sunday because it was taking on water, Bena said.

It was still not immediately known what illness the girl may have had.

Before the family left for the trip, Lyra had salmonella poisoning, but doctors cleared her to travel after she was healthy again, said Charlotte Kaufman's sister, Sariah Kay English. □

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# Heroin addicts face barriers to treatment in America

**MEGHAN BARR**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — As the ranks of heroin users rise in the U.S., increasing numbers of addicts are looking for help but are failing to find it — because there are no beds in packed facilities, treatment is hugely expensive and insurance companies won't pay for inpatient rehab.

Some users overcome their addictions in spite of the obstacles. But many, like Salvatore Marchese, struggle and fail.

In the course of Marchese's five-year battle with heroin, the Blackwood, New Jersey, man was repeatedly denied admission to treatment facilities, often because his insurance company wouldn't cover the cost. Then one night in June

2010, a strung-out Marchese went to the emergency room seeking help. The doctors shook their heads: Heroin withdrawal is not life-threatening, they said, and we can't admit you. They gave him an IV flush, and sent him home.

Marchese, then 26, and his sister called multiple inpatient clinics only to be told: We have no beds. Eventually, Marchese found space at a facility but was released 17 days later when his public funding ran out. Less than three months later, Marchese was found dead of an overdose in his mother's car.

"Heroin is life-threatening," said his mother, Patty DiRenzo. "We're losing kids every day from it."

Of the 23.1 million Americans who needed treat-



**Nora Milligan looks through a pile of legal healthcare documents before an interview at her home in Patchogue, N.Y. Milligan, a single mother, fought healthcare providers in court for denial of care to her heroin-addicted son. Having exhausted her finances for his care, she continues to live in the home she raised him even as it is being foreclosed.**

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ment for drugs or alcohol in 2012, only 2.5 million people received aid at a specialty facility, according to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Heroin addicts are a small slice of overall drug users, but their numbers nearly doubled from 2007 to 2012, to 669,000. The number treated for heroin also increased, from 277,000 to 450,000. At issue is whether these addicts are getting the treatment they need to successfully beat their habits. Advocates say they are not, partly because the insurance industry has not come to grips with the dangers of heroin withdrawal and its aftermath.

It is true that, unlike withdrawal from dependencies on alcohol or benzodiazepines like Xanax, heroin withdrawal does not kill. But it is so horrible — users feel like their bones are breaking and fluids leak from every orifice — that many are drawn back to the drug, with fatal consequences. Even if addicts survive withdrawal, they often relapse if they fail to make it into treatment. That's when many overdoses happen, because they try to use as much heroin as they did before, and their newly drug-free bodies can't

handle it.

Because withdrawal is not directly deadly, most insurance companies won't pay for inpatient rehab, said Anthony Rizzuto, a provider relations representative at Seaford Center, a clinic on Long Island. They either claim that the addict does not meet the "criteria for medical necessity" — that inpatient care would be an inappropriate treatment — or require that the user first try outpatient rehab. "Ninety-nine-point-nine percent of the time, we hear 'denied,'" Rizzuto said. "And then we go to an appeal process. And we get denied again."

Elizabeth Thompson's parents mortgaged their home to pay for her treatment in eight inpatient facilities beginning at age 16. It wasn't until she spent several months at a long-term facility in Florida that she successfully stayed clean. "It almost didn't matter so much what they did there ... but just taking me out of my environment and keeping me in a place that was really difficult to use," said Thompson, 30, a policy coordinator for the Drug Policy Alliance in New Jersey. The cost of three to five days of heroin detoxification alone is around \$3,000, Rizzuto said. □

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# Class seeks suspected Nazi who aided Jewish family

**JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN**

**Associated Press**

**NEW HAVEN, Connecticut**

**(AP)** — Students at a U.S.

university are working on a daunting assignment: Who was the suspected Nazi who protected a Jewish family 75 years ago from violence and warned them to flee Austria just before World War II broke out?

The University of New Haven students just have a first name and a few other clues but are scouring records from the 1930s, conducting interviews and may visit Austria to unravel the mystery on behalf of the elderly survivors who want to honor their savior.

"We are closing in. There's still a lot of work to do. I feel confident, as I did when

we started this, that we will identify this individual," said David Schroeder, who teaches the special investigations class called Finding Alois.

"I think the students during the course of this investigation are exposed to a level of understanding about World War II and the Holocaust and what happened to the peoples of Europe than they could ever be in any classroom."

Ilie Wacs and his sister, Deborah Strobin, recount their family's ordeal in their book, "An Uncommon Journey."

The man they knew only as Alois warned them to take shelter in their apartment with relatives and they would be safe. The



In this photo provided by Jane Rohman, Ilie Wacs, right, speaks to University of New Haven students gathered at the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance in New York. The students from the Connecticut college are working on a daunting assignment: Who was the suspected Nazi who protected Wacs and his Jewish family 75 years ago from violence, and warned them to flee Vienna, Austria just before World War II broke out?

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warning came days before Kristallnacht, when the Nazis staged a wave of attacks on Jews in Germany and Austria.

Wacs, an 86-year-old retired fashion designer who lives in New York City, said he heard the sound of boots walking up the stone steps and pausing in front of his family's apartment for several minutes before the Nazis left.

"We were never bothered," Wacs said, recalling the sounds of shop windows smashed and the screams as people were dragged from their homes into custody.

Alois, who worked in their father's tailor shop in Vienna, also helped the family get visa extensions to stay in Austria. He warned them to get out before Aug. 31, 1939, the day before Germany invaded Poland and World War II broke out.

"We probably would have wound up in a concentra-

tion camp," Wacs said.

Wacs, who was 12 at the time, said he believes Alois was a member of the Nazi Party and perhaps a high-ranking one because of how he was able to help his family.

It's unclear why Alois helped a Jewish family while apparently serving the Nazis. Wacs said it's possible he was forced into the party as a young man and helped his family because he knew them.

Wacs said he was reluctant to delve into the matter for fear the man who saved them might have later committed atrocities. But he has decided he wants to know who he is so he can be honored with the title of "Righteous Gentile."

"It's hard for me to imagine that after saving us at great risk to himself he would commit atrocities," Wacs said. "I wanted to remember him as one of the good guys." □





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# Pro-Russians storm Ukraine government buildings

PETER LEONARD  
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) —

Crowds of pro-Russian demonstrators stormed government buildings Sunday in several major cities in eastern Ukraine, where secessionist sentiment has sparked frequent protests since Ukraine's Russia-friendly president was ousted in February.

In Donetsk, 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of the Russian border, a large group of people, including many in masks carrying sticks and stones, surged into the provincial government building and smashed windows. A gathering of several hundred, many of them waving Russian flags, then listened to speeches delivered from a balcony emblazoned with a banner reading "Donetsk Republic." Activists in the building said they want to see a referendum for the Donetsk province to join Russia.

An AP photographer reported seeing people bringing car tires to be used as barricades against any presumed attempt by authorities to retake the building.

Eastern Ukraine was the heartland of support for Viktor Yanukovich, the president who fled to Russia in February after months of protests. About half of the region's residents are ethnic Russians, many of whom believe Ukraine's acting authorities are Ukrainian nationalists who will oppress Russians.

Ukraine's interim authorities deny they are infringing the rights of the ethnic Russian population and accuse Moscow of trying to sow instability. Russia has moved large contingents of troops to areas near the Ukrainian border, and speculation is strong that unrest in eastern Ukraine could be used as a pretext for a Russian incursion.

Since Crimea held a referendum to secede and then was annexed by Russia in March, calls for similar referenda in Ukraine's east have emerged.

President Oleksandr Turchynov's office said in a statement he had canceled a planned visit to Lithuania this week to take personal charge over the situation in eastern Ukraine.

In Luhansk, to the northeast

from Donetsk, hundreds of people surrounded the local headquarters of the security service and later scaled the facade to plant a Russian flag on the roof. Ukrainian media reported that demonstrators pelted the building with eggs, and then stones, a smoke grenade and finally a firebomb. The flames were

reportedly quickly extinguished. A police officer and a demonstrator were injured in the disturbances. Local media reported similar unrest in Kharkiv, less than an hour's drive from the Russian border.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov wrote on his Facebook account that Russia was to blame for the turbulence.

Russian President Vladimir "Putin and Yanukovich have ordered and financed another round of separatist unrest in the east," he said. "Not many people have gathered, but they are behaving aggressively. In Donetsk, the crowd brought many children and women for the storming."



Pro-Russian activists clash with police at the regional administration building in Donetsk, Ukraine, Sunday, April 6, 2014. In Donetsk a large group of people surged into the provincial government building and smashed windows. A gathering of several hundred, many of them waving Russian flags, then listened to speeches delivered from a balcony emblazoned with a banner reading "Donetsk Republic."

(AP Photo/Andrey Basevich)

## Hungary PM Orban wins 3rd term

PABLO GORONDI  
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) —

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's Fidesz party has won the 2014 elections and is close to securing a new two-thirds majority in parliament.

With 76 percent of the votes counted late Sunday night, the National Election Office says Fidesz has secured 135 seats in the 199-seat legislature. Fidesz and its small ally, the Christian Democrats, won 45.1 per-

cent of the list votes, good for 39 seats, as well as 96 of 106 individual constituencies.

A coalition of left-wing groups is projected to have 39 lawmakers, while the far-right Jobbik will likely have 25 seats.

Jobbik received 21.1 percent of the list votes, improving on the 16.7 percent they achieved in 2010.

A small green party may still reach the 5 percent threshold needed to have deputies in the legislature.

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## Afghan election hailed as Taliban threat remains

**KIM GAMEL**

**Associated Press**

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**

— Afghans and the international community hailed its presidential election as a triumph of democracy over violence Sunday, despite complaints about ballot shortages and sporadic fraud after millions of people braved a Taliban threat to vote for a new president. But some cautioned against declaring a premature defeat of the Islamic militants.

Securing the vote was a test for Afghan government forces as they prepare to take full responsibility for their own security as the U.S. and allied forces end their combat mission at the

end of this year. The consensus was that they largely passed, though there was sporadic violence.

A roadside bomb hit a pickup truck transporting ballot boxes Sunday in the northern province of Kunduz, killing three people, officials said.

But the major attacks that had been feared did not materialize.

"This in itself is a victory over violence and a victory over all those who wanted to deter democracy by threats and violence," said Thijs Berman, the head of the European Union's election assessment team in Kabul.

Electoral officials, meanwhile, urged patience, say-



**Abdullah Abdullah, a candidate for the Afghan presidency, leaves a polling station after voting in Kabul. Voting hours were extended nationwide due to longer-than-expected lines at polling places, and though widespread fears of the Taliban kept roughly one in eight polling centers closed, no heavy attacks had took place.**

(Tyler Hicks/The New York Times)

ing officials continued to log complaints and tally ballots. The ballots were coming from more than 20,000 polling stations nationwide, some in extremely remote and rural areas.

They were being transported to tally centers in all 34 provinces before the results reach Kabul.

Some candidate forecasts and partial results are expected in the coming days.

Noor Mohammad Noor, a spokesman for the Independent Election Commission, said preliminary results were due April 24 and final results will be announced May 14. □



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### Hezbollah:

## Danger to Syria's president eliminated

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The government of Syrian President Bashar Assad is no longer in danger of falling, the leader of Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group said in an interview with a Lebanese newspaper.

In an interview with daily newspaper As-Safir, Hassan Nasrallah also said the threat of bombings in Lebanon "has dropped considerably" because of the "measures adopted along the Lebanese-Syrian border."

Hezbollah militants have been fighting alongside Syrian government troops against the rebels trying to oust Assad from power. The Shiite group's fighters were instrumental in help-

ing Assad's forces dislodge opposition fighters from their strongholds along the countries' border.

However, Hezbollah's public role in the 3-year-old conflict has inflamed sectarian tensions in Lebanon. The country's Sunni Muslims support the Syrian rebels. In the past weeks, the Sunni militants have carried out several deadly attacks on Hezbollah strongholds around Lebanon, claiming they were in revenge for Hezbollah's help to the Syrian government.

As for Assad's government in Damascus, Nasrallah said: "The danger of the Syrian regime's fall has ended."

Syria's conflict began with largely peace protests in March 2011.

It has evolved into a civil war with sectarian overtones and Islamic extremists, including foreign fighters and Syrian rebels who have taken up hard-line al-Qaida-style ideologies, have played an increasingly prominent role among fighters, dampening the West's support.

More than 150,000 people have been killed in the past three years, activists say. Excerpts of the interview were published Sunday by Lebanon's official National News Agency.

The full interview will appear in the newspaper's Monday edition. □





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# Israel warns Palestinians but leaves way open for talks

JODI RUDOREN

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**JERUSALEM** - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened Sunday that Israel would take its own "unilateral steps" in response to the Palestinians' move last week to join international conventions and reiterated that a Palestinian state could be created "only through direct negotiations, not through empty statements and not by unilateral moves."

The Palestinians say they took the contentious step only because Israel failed to release a promised group of long-serving prisoners by the end of March, breaking its own commitment.

It was Netanyahu's first public statement about the peace process since last week's crisis, which left the U.S.-brokered negotiations on the brink of collapse, and came hours before the lead Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met Sunday with Martin Indyk, the Obama administration's special envoy for the talks.

While the prime minister was clearly trying to lay blame for the possible col-

lapse on his counterpart, President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority, he, like other leaders who spoke in the past several days, left open a window for salvaging the talks.

Netanyahu did not specify what "unilateral steps" Israel might employ, though local news outlets have reported that the country is preparing to block a mobile-phone company from entering the Gaza Strip and providing 3G service in the West Bank, and to cancel plans for some development projects in the West Bank.

"We are ready to continue the talks, but not at any price," Netanyahu said at the start of Israel's weekly Cabinet meeting. "The Palestinians substantially violated in a significant way the understandings that were reached with American involvement. The Palestinian threats to appeal to the U.N. will not affect us - the Palestinians have much to lose from this unilateral move."

Israeli leaders attribute the crisis to Abbas' signing Tuesday night of documents seeking membership in 15 international treaties and

conventions, something he had promised not to do during the nine-month term of the talks Secretary of State John Kerry started last summer. □



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu adjusts his tie as he listens to Culture and Sports Minister Limor Livnat during the weekly cabinet meeting in his office in Jerusalem, Sunday, April 6, 2014. (AP Photo/Gali Tibbon, Pool)

## Report:


## Pakistani ships at Iranian drills




**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Iran's official news agency is reporting that Pakistani naval vessels have arrived at the southern Iranian port of Bandar Abbas for an upcoming naval maneuver. The report Sunday by IRNA quoted Iranian Rear Adm. Shahram Irani as saying the fleet will have "presence" in the maneuver that will began on Tuesday east of the strategic Strait of Hormuz, through which one

fifth of the world's oil supply passes.

The report said Pakistani vessels include a warship, a submarine and a logistics vessel. The report did not say whether it would be "joint" drill, nor did it elaborate on its scale or duration. It said the Pakistani fleet will leave after four days.

In the past, regional countries have had a presence at similar Iranian maneuvers as observers. □



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## Recovering America outpacing other major economies

**PAUL WISEMAN**

**AP Economics Writer**

**BEIJING/WASHINGTON**

**(AP)** — As a brutal winter yields to spring, the U.S. economy is showing renewed strength just as other major economies appear desperate for help. Europe is clinging to a fragile recovery. Japan just imposed a tax hike that threatens its shaky economic comeback. And China's troubles are rattling the global economy. The resilience of the U.S. economy, after a growth-chilling winter, was evident in Friday's jobs report from the Labor Department. It said employers added 192,000 jobs in March and 37,000 more in January and February than previously thought.

With the economy making steady gains, the Federal Reserve has been scaling back its bond purchases, which have been intended to lower interest rates to spur growth.

"The U.S. is certainly do-



**dent of the European Central Bank, last week expressed concern about "protracted stagnation" and the eurozone's worrisome 11.9 percent unemployment rate, essentially unchanged from last year's record 12.1 percent.**

**(AP Photo/Kostas Tsironis)**

ing better than Europe or Japan right now," says Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS Global Insight.

Here's a closer look at

the rest of the world's big economies:

— **EUROPE**

Just as the Fed reduces its stimulus in the United States,

the European Central Bank is considering further steps to help the 18 countries that use the euro currency. The eurozone emerged from a recession — its second in six

years — last spring. But the recovery has been faint: The eurozone economy is growing at a glacial 1 percent annual pace.

Mario Draghi, president of the European Central Bank, last week expressed concern about "protracted stagnation" and the eurozone's worrisome 11.9 percent unemployment rate, essentially unchanged from last year's record 12.1 percent.

In addition, inflation is running at dangerously low levels. Consumer prices rose just 0.5 percent in the year that ended in March. The ultimate fear is of deflation, when prices actually start falling. Deflation would hurt growth because tumbling prices cause consumers and businesses to postpone purchases and investments as they wait for still-lower prices.

On Thursday, the ECB kept its main interest rate unchanged at the record low of 0.25 percent. But Draghi said the ECB was ready to use "unconventional measures" to combat super-low inflation. The bank could further lower rates, offer cheap loans to banks or embark on an uncharacteristic Fed-style stimulus. The eurozone faces another more fundamental problem: a credit crunch. Banks, clogged with bad loans left from the financial crisis, aren't lending to small and mid-sized businesses.

And they probably won't until they raise more money to cover potential loan losses.

"Europe is still in convalescence," says Gustavo Reis, global economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. "The economy has been growing since the second quarter of last year. □

## Nigeria: Economy \$510B, biggest in Africa

**MICHELLE FAUL**

**Associated Press**

**LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)** — Ni-

geria's recalculated economy is worth \$510 billion, by far the biggest in Africa, officials announced Sunday using long overdue revised data that gives the West African nation continental bragging rights but does little for the 70 percent of its citizens living in poverty.

The new value of Nigeria's GDP adds previously uncounted industries like telecommunications, information technology, music, airlines, burgeoning online retail outlets and Nollywood film production that didn't exist when the last GDP

count was made in 1990. Then, there were 300,000 landlines. Today, Nigeria has 100 million cell phone users.

The new figures also will take account of growth in agriculture and tourism that have flourished since democracy was restored in 1999, ending decades of military dictatorship.

With one fell swoop, Nigeria knocked out of the ring South Africa, whose GDP of \$353 billion was previously counted the biggest on the continent and which is the only African member of the G20.

"Nigeria's success is a reminder that Africa is moving

ahead despite its current challenges," said investment manager Kevin Daly of UK-based Aberdeen Asset Management, which invests in Africa. He pointed out that it is a Nigerian, billionaire Aliko Dangote, who is building Africa's largest privately owned oil refinery. Investors' attention will be drawn by the fact that while oil remains the biggest source of government revenue, about 80 percent, oil production is declining while Nigeria's agriculture, communications and service sectors are enjoying healthy growth.

Nigeria has been Africa's biggest drawer of direct

foreign investment despite myriad woes, from massive corruption and oil thefts costing the country some \$20 million a day to an Islamic uprising in the northeast that has killed more than 1,200 people so far this year, to a paralytic electricity supply that keeps businesses dependent on diesel-run generators. Finance Minister Ngozi Ikonjo-Iweala told a news conference Sunday that the new data makes Nigeria the 26th largest economy in the world and raises its per capita income to \$2,688, making it No. 121 in the world, up from No. 135. □





## Wine Maker Tamara Flores hosts a wine seminar at Amazonia Churrascaria



**PALM BEACH** - Trivento Amado Sur, Trivento Golden Reserve Malbec and a Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah by Vina Maipo were recently sampled and paired with the cuisine at Amazonia Churrascaria.

The Argentinean wineries represented on the island by the Aruba Trading Company, sent wine maker Tamara Flores on an educational mission, introducing the vividly red and intense wines to staffers who in turn will present them to meat-lovers at the res-

taurant as the perfect match for their delectable dinners, explains Kavey Yarzagaray, of the Aruba Trading Company. Amazonia Churrascaria, an authentic Brazilian Steakhouse features friendly Brazilian gauchos carrying 3-foot long skewers stacked with a variety of grilled meats to be carved tableside, and Tamara's wine selection promises to complement the dining experience and perfect it. Also on hand for the tasting and pairing Restaurant Manager Raymond Talbot and chef Victor. □



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the gutters, but what they lacked in bowling skills they made up in laughter, dancing, and encouragement or consolation hugs, as the evening went on, fueled by delicious snacks and cocktails.

Prizes for the top 3 scores were awarded. The top score belonged to Del de Guzman the supervisor of Caribbean Queen who became the Queen of the Salamander Bowling King-



pins. As for the second and third place opinions are divided. Nibbling and sipping the Salamander King Pins sometimes forgot to record all scores, a sure sign they had a ball.

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## Ivanovic wins 2nd title of year at Monterrey



Ana Ivanovic, of Serbia, returns the ball to Petra Kvitová, of Czech Republic, during the Sony Open tennis tournament, Monday, March 24, 2014, in Key Biscayne, Fla. Associated Press

### The Associated Press MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)

— Ana Ivanovic won an all-Serbian final at the Monterrey Open on Sunday, beating Jovana Jakšić 6-2, 6-1 for her second title of the year.

Ivanovic, the 2008 French Open champion, also won the ASB Classic in Auckland, New Zealand, to start the year. It's the first time since 2010 she has captured multiple titles in a season.

Jakšić, playing in her first WTA Tour final, started off strongly against the second-seeded Ivanovic, breaking her at love and winning the first six points of the match. But Ivanovic reeled off 16 of the next 17 points to take control of the match and finish it off in one hour.

It's the 13th title of Ivanovic's career. □

## Lexi Thompson wins Kraft Nabisco

JOHN NICHOLSON

AP Sports Writer

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif.

(AP) — Lexi Thompson left Michelle Wie behind Sunday — off the tee and on the leaderboard in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

The 19-year-old Thompson beat Wie into Poppie's Pond, too, capping the breakthrough major victory with the traditional victory leap into the water near the 18th green. "It's just a dream come true," Thompson said.

Thompson closed with a bogey-free 4-under 68 for a three-stroke victory. She birdied four of the first nine holes to open a five-stroke lead and parred the final nine. "This is what I've worked so hard for," Thompson said. "This was one of my goals coming into the year, to win a major. I've always seen myself winning a Kraft Nabisco. It's such a huge honor with all the history behind the tournament." Wie was second, birdieing the final hole for a 71. She used her driver only four times, choosing to hit fairway-metal stingers on the other 10 driving holes — leaving her as much as 60 yards behind Thompson. When both hit 3-woods, Thompson also had the advantage.

"I stuck with my game plan and I think it was the right play," Wie said. "Who knows? In hindsight you would do something here or do something there, make a putt there. That's the way golf is. I just couldn't get anything going today."

Thompson became the second-youngest major winner in LPGA Tour history at 19 years, 1 month, 27 days.

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Lexi Thompson smiles after winning the Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament Sunday, April 6, 2014, in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Associated Press



# Rain postpones NASCAR race at Texas Motor Speedway

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)**

-- On a day when the weather was more suitable for ducks than racing, the Sprint Cup Series at Texas Motor Speedway became NASCAR's first rainout of the season.

The Robertson family from "Duck Dynasty" had prominent roles at Sunday's race, called the Duck Commander 500, but Uncle Si never got to give the command to start engines. NASCAR pulled the plug after a delay of about four hours. The race will be run Monday at 11 a.m., nine hours before the start of the NCAA national championship game in nearby Arlington. Tony Stewart, making a comeback this season after missing the final four months of last year with a broken leg, will start on the pole. It's the third time in seven Sprint Cup Series races this season that rain has hampered the event. The season-opening Daytona 500 was stopped for more than six hours, and the race at Bristol Motor Speedway had two delays totaling more than five hours.



The giant TV screen announces the postponement of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race because of rain, as Darrell Walker bows his head at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday, April 6, 2014.

At least the fans who braved the rain got to enjoy the Robertson family antics.

Uncle Si was wearing a sparkly jumpsuit meant to resemble a firesuit. Family patriarch Phil Robertson was supposed to wave the

green flag as the honorary starter, his youngest son, Jep, was to ride in a pace car. Jase Robertson introduced the Top 10 starters, and his wife Missy sang the national anthem. Sadie, Willie's 16-year-old daughter, delivered the in-

vocation.

Korie Robertson, Willie's wife, said about 30-40 members of the family were at the race.

"And some extras, some bearded people may have slipped in there claiming they were kin," said Willie

Robertson, who also sponsored Clint Bowyer's car for the race. A steady rain saturated the track Sunday. NASCAR's new track drying system requires two hours to dry the 1.5-mile speedway, but the unseasonably cool temperatures made the task more difficult. TMS' big screen "Big Hoss TV" alerted fans to pending severe weather at times Sunday. The high-definition LED video board also showed episodes of "Duck Dynasty."

Bowyer's car had markings for Willie Robertson's diner, Buck Commander and Korie Robertson's clothing boutique.

"I tried to talk them into letting me drive a Duck Commander car, but they won't do it," Si said.

Willie's response to that?

"We told him if he could figure out how to open the door we'll let him drive it," the CEO said.

Earlier Sunday, an official from Guinness Book of World Records officially certified "Big Hoss TV" as the world's largest high-definition LED video board. It is 218 feet wide and about 95 feet high, covering 20,614 square feet. □

Associated Press



Bernie Ecclestone, center, president and CEO of Formula One Management, center, answers to reporters in the newsroom ahead of the Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, Bahrain, Sunday, April 6, 2014.

Associated Press

**CHRIS LINES**

AP Auto Racing Writer

**SAKHIR, Bahrain (AP)**

— Formula One chief Bernie Ecclestone says a U.S.-backed team led by NASCAR's Gene Haas is among two new teams likely to join the series next season.

Speaking at Sunday's Bahrain Grand Prix, Ecclestone said he held talks with the sport's governing body and there was agreement about expansion next season.

"They will be accepted, and we've also accept-

## U.S. team among 2 new entrants set for F1 in 2015

ed another team as well, although whether they'll make it or not is another story," Ecclestone said when asked about a possible Haas entry.

The other 2015 bidder is believed to be an Eastern Europe-based entry backed by Colin Kolles, who formerly was at defunct teams HRT, Midland and Spyker. FIA President Jean Todt confirmed that applications were being considered and said a decision will be announced "in coming days." Those applying will need approval from the governing body and the commercial rights holder, headed by Ecclestone.

At the NASCAR race in Fort Worth, Texas, Haas said he

had not heard from Ecclestone or the governing body.

"We haven't been notified by the FIA, but Bernie is kind of half Formula One, so I'm sure what he says goes," Haas said. "I have no doubt that even if Mr. Ecclestone says he's OK with it, there's probably another few weeks of legal paperwork" before FIA would issue a license.

The new entries may replace existing teams rather than add to the grid. Several F1 teams are struggling financially.

Haas is the founder of the Stewart-Haas NASCAR team based in North Carolina. He also operates one of the world's most sophisticated wind tunnels for the

testing of car aerodynamics, which would aid any new F1 entry.

He's the owner of Haas Automation, which is one of the largest machine tool builders in the world. Haas said his company currently does \$1 billion in annual sales, and he believes entering Formula One could help him double that number.

"It's not that we're trying to individually sell machines. We're trying to make people aware of Haas Automation as a company," he said.

He added: "We're just trying to bring our awareness up and Formula One is even more important because half our sales are outside the country. □



# LeBron scores 38 as Heat top Knicks 102-91



By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

**MIAMI (AP)** -- LeBron James couldn't wake up Sunday. He was sluggish when his alarm went off at 8 a.m. and still in a funk when the Miami Heat and New York Knicks tipped off five hours later.

He eventually got into form, just in time to perhaps doom the Knicks' playoff chances.

James scored 38 points and the Heat survived an NBA-record 22 3-point attempts from New York's J.R. Smith in a 102-91 victory that kept Miami atop the Eastern Conference standings.

"You do your job and you live with the results," James said. "We lived with the result of J.R.

making some of those bombs."

Chris Bosh added 14 points and Ray Allen had 12 for the Heat (53-23), who are a full game ahead of Indiana (53-25) and two up in the loss column in the East race. The Pacers lost at home to Atlanta later Sunday night. Smith was 11 for 28 from the floor, 10 for 22 from beyond the arc, and took 10 3s in the fourth quarter alone while Carmelo Anthony didn't attempt a single shot in the period. The single-game mark was previously held by Damon Stoudemire, who hoisted 21 3s on April 15, 2005.

"It's not really been a goal of mine," Smith said. "I saw the open 3 and

tried to take them. I had to take advantage." Smith finished with 32 for the Knicks, who got 14 from Raymond Felton and 13 from Anthony on 4 for 17 shooting. Anthony has been bothered by a sore right shoulder, but played 44 minutes.

"Melo is still hurting," Knicks coach Mike Woodson said. "I couldn't rest him again tonight. That second half, he was giving us what he's got." A bad day got worse for New York when the Hawks-Pacers game went final. The Knicks (33-45) are two games behind the Hawks in the race for the final playoff spot, three in the loss column. And New York has only four games left.

"Our fate is almost now in Atlanta's hands," Anthony said. "It's tough. ... My fate is in somebody else's hands."

The start suggested it would be a great day for the Knicks.

James had four turnovers in the opening minutes

and New York - which had its best opening 2 1/2 minutes offensively in at least a decade, according to STATS LLC - held a 16-3 lead.

"Flummoxing," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It was bizarre. Our turnovers were, no offense to the Knicks, absolutely unforced."

It was still 16-3 when Felton was whistled for a second early foul, and everything changed. The Knicks missed six straight shots and the Heat scored nine straight points. James - who had one turnover in the final 3 1/2 quarters - settled down and things started going Miami's way.

Miami played without Dwyane Wade (hamstring), Greg Oden (back) and Chris Andersen (back, knee). Amare Stoudemire scored 12 and Tyson Chandler finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds for New York.

James had four turnovers by the time Miami scored six points. But he settled

in before the quarter was over, outmuscling Tim Hardaway Jr. for what became a three-point play. Hardaway tried to wrap James up on a break, but the four-time MVP kept going, scored and then flexed a biceps muscle to the roaring crowd.

"Trying to make a play," James said.

And after that sizzling 14-point beginning, New York needed more than 13 minutes to score its next 14 points. A 31-10 run helped the Heat take as much as an eight-point lead in the second quarter, before the Knicks went into halftime up 50-48.

Miami found some breathing room by scoring the final seven points of the third. James laid it in while getting fouled with 4.1 seconds left - and as "M-V-P" chants rained down he gave Miami its biggest lead to that point, making the free throw that put the Heat up 73-64 entering the fourth. □

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# Jones' playoff chip-in wins Houston Open

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**AP Sports Writer**

**HUMBLE, Texas (AP)** —

Matt Jones told his caddy he was about to make a 42-yard chip-in on the first playoff hole at the Houston Open.

The Australian did just that on Sunday, earning his first PGA Tour win in spectacular fashion — and changing his immediate travel plans in the process.

Jones, who began the day six shots off the lead, shot a final-round 66 and ended the tournament 15 under to earn his first trip to the Masters with the dramatic win over Matt Kuchar.

He earned nearly \$1.2 million for the win, also making amends for a disastrous missed putt last September that appeared destined to keep him from playing at Augusta National.

Destiny, however, had other plans for the 33-year-old who played collegiately at Arizona State.

"Going to Augusta is amazing," Jones said.

"The win means everything to me right now because that's what we play for is to win. To have Augusta as a reward for that win is amazing."

In September, Jones lipped



**Matt Jones waves to the crowd on the 16th hole during the final round of the Houston Open golf tournament, Sunday, April 6, 2014, in Humble, Texas.**

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out an 8-foot birdie putt on the last hole of the BMW Championship — a putt that would have earned him a trip to next week's Masters by sending him to the Tour Championship.

After briefly tying Kuchar in the middle of the round on Sunday, Jones' chances

at redemption for last year appeared finished after he bogeyed the next-to-last hole in regulation. The setback left Jones at 14 under, two shots back of Kuchar. However, Jones — in the first of his two memorable moments on the 18th — rolled in a 46-foot putt for

birdie. That pulled the Australian within one shot of Kuchar, who was watching his closest challenger from the tee.

"I was going to three-putt before I left it short," Jones said.

"I didn't care about finishing second or third or fourth; it didn't matter. I was only trying to get the win."

Kuchar went on to bogey the final hole of regulation after sending his second shot into the water. That set the stage for the playoff in the soggy conditions at the Golf Club of Houston.

Jones sent his tee shot on the first hole of the playoff into the right fairway bunker. He then landed just short of the greenside bunker with his second shot, while Kuchar found the bunker from the fairway.

It was the second straight miss of the 18th green from the fairway for Kuchar, who sent his fairway metal on the 72nd hole into the water before recovering to make bogey and reach the playoff.

Jones didn't leave Kuchar any room for error in the playoff, sending his chip over the greenside bunker and watching as it rolled in

— causing a roar from the gallery and leaving Jones standing with his arm raised in celebration.

"I walked up there and told my caddy I was going to chip it in," Jones said. "... You don't know if it's going to lip out, low or high, but when I saw it disappear it's probably the happiest I've been on the golf course."

Jones is the second straight Australian to win on the PGA Tour, following Steven Bowditch's win at the Texas Open last week.

It was in San Antonio that Kuchar struggled to a final-round 75 while playing in the final pairing with Bowditch.

The American began Sunday with a four-shot lead over Sergio Garcia and Cameron Tringale, but he bogeyed the first hole on his way to a disappointing even-par 72 and bitter ending.

Kuchar had a chance to match Jones' chip-in, but his bunker shot came up short.

"Certainly fantastic stuff (by Jones) to birdie 18 twice," Kuchar said. "That's probably the hardest hole on the golf course, and for him to put two 3s is pretty impressive stuff." □

## Kraft

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Morgan Pressel set the record in her 2007 victory at Mission Hills at 18 years, 10 months, 9 days.

Thompson finished at 14-under 274 for her fourth LPGA Tour victory. She opened with a 73, shot a tournament-best 64 on Friday and had a 69 on Saturday to tie for the lead with Wie at 10 under. The 6-foot Florida player had only one bogey — when she missed a 3-footer on the par-5 18th Saturday — in her last 55 holes.

"You have to hit it in the fairway and, if you miss it, just miss it small," Thompson said. "I think just staying into it mentally. When I had a bad hole, I'd just fight right back. Or if I hit a bad

shot, just know that I can get it up-and-down or get it on the green."

Thompson won the 2011 Navistar LPGA in Alabama at 16 to become the youngest winner in tour history, a mark broken by Lydia Ko in the 2012 Canadian Women's Open. Last year, Thompson won the LPGA Malaysia and Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

The 24-year-old Wie made her 12th start in the event. She was ninth in 2003 at age 13, fourth the following year and tied for third at 16 in 2006. She also was sixth in 2011.

"I thought I played OK," Wie said. "I think it just got to a point where I just tried to force it. I think I needed to really come back with a lot of birdies and I think it got to a point where I just tried too hard. But I'm just proud of myself for how the



**Lexi Thompson holds up the trophy after winning the Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament Sunday, April 6, 2014 in Rancho Mirage, Calif.**

**Associated Press**

week went."

Wie has two tour victories, winning the 2009 Lorena Ochoa Invitational and 2010 Canadian Women's Open. She has been in the top 16 in all six of her starts

this season.

Thompson hammered a drive 40 yards past Wie's 3-wood on the par-4 opening hole and took the lead with a 15-foot birdie putt. Wie pulled even with a

birdie on the par-5 second, chipping to 1½ feet after leaving her second shot just short of the green.

Wie bogeyed the par-4 third, missing from 6 feet after a short chip.

Thompson birdied Nos. 4 and 5. She hit a 3-wood 30 yards past Wie's 3-wood and made a 12-foot putt on the par-4 fourth, and holed a 5-footer on the par-3 fifth.

Thompson picked up another stroke on the par-3 eighth when Wie missed a 2-foot par putt, and pushed her lead to five with an 8-foot birdie putt on the par-5 ninth.

Wie birdied the first two holes where she used her driver, hitting it past Thompson on the par-5 second and 11th. Wie also hit driver on the par-4 13th, setting up a wedge that she hit to 4 feet. □



# Germany's Andrea Petkovic wins Family Circle Cup

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**CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP)** — Andrea Petkovic ended a surprising week at the Family Circle Cup by winning her first WTA tournament in three years, outlasting Jana Cepelova for a 7-5, 6-2 victory Sunday.

Petkovic was once ranked ninth in the world before several injuries slowed her progress and cost her much of the 2012 season. She entered this one seeded 14th, ranked 40th in the world and with few expectations about her first clay-court event of the season.

Instead, Petkovic's powerful forehand and grind-it-out mindset helped her oust three straight top 10 seeds in No. 4 Sabine Lisicki, No. 9 Lucie Safarova and No. 6 Eugenie Bouchard on the way to the finals.

The 26-year-old German used that same formula against Cepelova, a rising 20-year-old from Slovakia competing in her first WTA final.

"I still have a long way to go for me and I have a lot of potential," Petkovic said. "But I feel I'm on the

right track."

Cepelova led 5-4 and was a point away from capturing the first set. But Petkovic rallied to win that game and begin a run of eight in a row to take control of the match.

"I have to let loose and play like I can," she told herself.

Petkovic was energized after winning the crucial game and quickly broke serve to move in front. She took the set a game later and continued her run to build a 5-0 lead that Cepelova could not overcome.

For Petkovic, the victory was more gratifying than her two other career WTA wins because of all her struggles. She was 177th in the world in March 2013 and was beaten in the second round of French Open qualifying, a loss that had her contemplating giving up the game.

This "is a different feeling," she said. "Now, I'm much more grateful. It's more rewarding."

Petkovic dropped to the ground when Cepelova's final shot landed out of play. She jogged to the net to hug her opponent, waved to the crowd and

did a celebration dance as fans applauded.

Petkovic earned \$120,000 for her third career WTA victory, which was her first since winning in Strasbourg in 2011.

Petkovic's victory closed a week of surprises at the Family Circle Tennis Center. Only one of the tournament's top 10 seeds made it through to the final four and it was the first time a WTA tournament included three semifinalists 20 years old or younger since Amelia Island in 2008. Cepelova had a stunning run of her own, topping world No. 1 Serena Williams on Tuesday night to set the stage for plenty more unexpected results. Cepelova became the Family Circle Cup's first unseeded finalist since Elena Vesnina in 2011. Cepelova didn't expect a long visit here, arriving without her coach, trainers and hitting partners. She typically ordered room service at the hotel and had to scrape around to find hitting partners to warm up before matches.

"Before the tournament, if somebody told me you'll be in the tournament fi-



Andrea Petkovic, of Germany, reacts after defeating Jana Cepelova, of Slovakia, in two sets during the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament final in Charleston, S.C., Sunday, April 6, 2014. Petkovic won 7-5, 6-2 to win the championship.

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nals I would not believe them," Cepelova said with a smile. "But it was a really nice week.

Cepelova is also projected to move up some 30

spots in the rankings to around 50th in the world when the new list comes out next week, the WTA said. Petkovic won the title in her second appearance here. She had reached the round of 16 last year, but had to withdraw from a match against Caroline Wozniacki. She was on the phone with her father, Zoran, after the win. Father and daughter now have Palmetto State success in common.

Zoran Petkovic was one of the leading singles players at the University of South Carolina in the early 1980s. He told his daughter stories of how Americans on campus loved wearing "cowboy boots and blue jeans," she recalled, laughing. "He was very happy, very emotional," Andrea Petkovic said of their phone call. "I don't know if he was tearing up, though." □

# Holiday, Rapinoe lead U.S. to 2-0 win over China

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**COMMERCE CITY, Colorado (AP)** — Lauren Holiday scored late in the first half and substitute Megan Rapinoe added another goal to help the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-0 win over China in a friendly on Sunday.

The Americans held China to one shot on goal while running their unbeaten streak on home turf to 81 games, with 71 wins and 10 draws. The side plays China in an-

other friendly Thursday in San Diego.

Holiday, who returned to the lineup after missing the Algarve Cup in Portugal last month, beat China goalkeeper Zhang Yue in the 39th minute. Rapinoe got the Americans' second goal with a free kick at the 78th.

The No. 1-ranked Americans were looking to regain their form after a disappointing performance at the Algarve Cup, where they finished seventh. □



China goalkeeper Zhang Yue lets the ball slip past for a goal by U.S. midfielder Megan Rapinoe during the second half of an international friendly soccer match in Commerce City, Colo., on Sunday, April 6, 2014.

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Japanese challenger Naoya Inoue, left, sends a left to Mexican champion Adrian Hernandez during their WBC light flyweight boxing title bout in Tokyo, Sunday, April 6, 2014.

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## Inoue claims WBC light flyweight title

**TOKYO (AP)** — Naoya Inoue of Japan scored a sixth-round technical knockout of Adrian Hernandez of Mexico on Sunday to win the WBC light flyweight title.

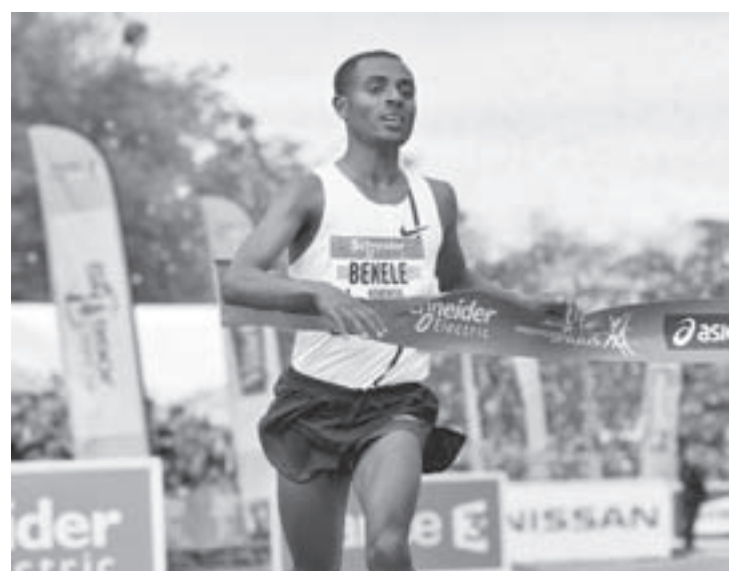
The 20-year-old Inoue landed a series of combinations and the bout was stopped 2 minutes, 54 seconds into the sixth round.

Inoue, the first Japanese boxer to claim a world title in just his sixth professional

fight, improved to 6-0 with five knockouts. Hernandez dropped to 29-3-1 with 18 KOs.

Also, WBC flyweight champion Akira Yaegashi successfully defended his title for the third time with a ninth-round knockout of eighth-ranked challenger Odilon Zaleta of Mexico.

Yaegashi improved to 20-3 with 10 KOs while Zaleta dropped to 15-4 with eight KOs. □



Ethiopia's runner Kenenisa Bekele crosses the finish line to win the 38th Paris Marathon, in Paris, Sunday, April 6, 2014.

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**PARIS (AP)** — Three-time Olympic champion Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia won the Paris marathon Sunday on his debut at the

distance.

Bekele completed the 42-kilometer (26-mile) race in 2 hours, 5 minutes, 4 seconds to break the race re-

## Cancellara repeats as Tour of Flanders winner



Swiss Fabian Cancellara, center, of the Trek Factory Racing team celebrates as he beats Belgium's Greg Van Avermaet of the BMC Racing team, left, and Belgium's Sep Vanmarcke of the Belkin-Pro cycling team and wins the 98th Tour of Flanders cycling classic in Oudenaarde, Belgium, Sunday April 6, 2014.

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**RAF CASERT**

**AP Sports Writer**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland won a four-way power sprint to the finish line on Sunday to defend his Tour of Flanders title and clinch one of the year's toughest classics for the third time. In the sprint, Cancellara beat a trio of Belgians, with Greg Van Avermaet taking second place ahead of Sven Vanmarcke and Stijn Vandenbergh.

"It was man against man, and I just kept pushing," Cancellara said.

Last year Cancellara won the classic by relying on his overwhelming time trial talents, and this time he won with a finish that no one could match.

"Amazing day again, I feel sorry for the Belgians," Cancellara said after he crossed the line with pumping fists aloft. Cancellara unleashed his explosive finish after 259 kilometers (161 miles) of racing, crossing the line in 6 hours, 15 minutes, 25 seconds. With his victory, Cancellara joined five other greats of cycling who won the Tour of Flanders three times — Belgians Tom Boonen, Johan Museeuw, Eric Leman and Achiel Buysse and Italian Fiorenzo Magni.

Along with finishing second in the Milan-San Remo classic, this victory in Oudenaarde makes Cancellara the overwhelming favorite to also win the Paris-Roubaix World Tour classic next week — the cobblestone classic which he also has won three times.

Whatever happens there, Sunday's victory further confirms the 33-year-old Cancellara as one of the greatest one-day riders of his age. It was supposed to be a clash of giants between Cancellara, three-time winner Boonen and upcoming star Peter Sagan. But when victory seemed to be slipping away with Van Avermaet and Vandenbergh away by a minute with 20 kilometers to go, Cancellara was the only one who had the power to turn his fortunes around, despite the lack of teammates around him.

He took Vanmarcke in his slipstream and powered to the head of the race. From there on, he was savvy enough to keep the three Belgians in check before launching his unstoppable finish. □

## Kenenisa Bekele wins the Paris marathon

cord set by Stanley Biwott of Kenya in 2012.

Limenh Getachew of Ethiopia finished second, 1:45 behind. Luka Kanda of Kenya placed third.

Flomena Cheyech of Kenya dominated the women's race in 2:22:44, more than three minutes ahead of Yebrgual Melese of Ethiopia.

Bekele won the gold medal in the 5,000 meters and 10,000 at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, as well as the 10,000 at the 2004 Athens

Games. He has struggled with injuries over the past few years and hasn't won a major title since the 2009 world championships in Berlin.

"It's my first marathon, I don't have experience before," Bekele told France 3 television. "It was very tough. Anyway, I made the time I expected."

The leading group reached the halfway stage in 1:02:09.

Bekele accelerated in the 27th kilometer to break up

a small group. Only compatriot Tamirat Tola was able to keep pace with him before dropping three kilometers later.

Bekele had a small scare eight kilometers from the finish as he felt a strain in his left thigh.

"My hamstring muscle was not good," Bekele said. "It was cramping. I was worried."

A field of about 42,000 runners started the 38th edition of the Paris race from the Champs Elysees Avenue. □



# Review: Ups and downs with Google Glass apps

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Google Glass is like a fickle friend. Surprises await, such as the time it took a photo of my ceiling while I was making carrot and ginger soup.

I've been using Google's Web-connected eyewear over the past few months. Spending a day trying to get some chores done with it was frustrating at times, though it gave me a glimpse of what might be possible down the line.

Cooking with Glass, for example, frees my hands to stir, chop and season instead of leafing through a cookbook or getting grease on a tablet computer. Playing games on Glass by nodding my head around or shouting things was fun, once I got over the looking-crazy part. Or maybe that was part of the appeal. My favorite activity, hands down, is winking to take a photo, hands-free.

But perhaps I had mistakenly winked when I was trying to read ingredients on the Glass.

Glass takes a lot of time to get used to. That makes sense for a new type of device, but it strikes me as unusual when I could take most gadgets out of a box and intuitively know how to use them.

The day I spent doing chores had me calling Google's tech-support line three times and nearly breaking down in tears. On top of that, I got only two chores done.

That's a long way from a mass-market product. Google knows this and sells these \$1,500 gadgets on an invitation basis to get feedback on how they work in day-to-day living. It's as though we're on a long journey together with Google.

— DOING LAUNDRY

Don't ask me for directions. I regularly wind up in circles in my own neighborhood, and I confidently send lost tourists north when they need south. Maps on smartphones have been a godsend, but it's annoying



In this April 3, 2014, photo AP reporter Barbara Ortutay stirs soup while wearing Google Glass in New York. Ortutay used the Allthecooks Google Glass app to make carrot ginger soup.

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having to hold my iPhone in front of me when I'm trying to find an address.

Enter Glass, which sits eyebrow-level and has a tiny screen above your right eye, eliminating the need to stare down at your phone. Glass responds to voice or touch commands, and it answers back on the screen.

I had to drop off some laundry, so I asked Glass to take me to my regular laundromat less than three blocks from my apartment: "OK, Glass, get directions to the laundromat," I said. Glass began searching for "aundora mint," whatever that is. Let's try this again.

"OK, Glass, get directions to the laundromat," I said. Glass returned with nine options in my neighborhood, but it didn't include my standby, KT Laundromat.

"OK, Glass, get directions to KT Laundromat," I said. I got Katie's Clean & Green Laundry in Lakewood, Ohio. At this point I started to get frustrated. Turns out that KT isn't in Google's maps database.

"OK, Glass, get directions to 500 Henry Street," I said, using the KT's street address.

Glass gave me 500 Henry Street in Manhattan, not Brooklyn.

I finally got directions after specifying Brooklyn.

I was on my way, Glass on my face, sun in my eyes and directions in my ears — that is, until I walked out

of my apartment's Wi-Fi range. Without an Internet connection, Glass is just a really expensive headset with a camera. No maps, no apps and no directions. Good thing I know my way home.

Glass is supposed to connect online through your phone. I called tech support and reset the Glass and its connection with my phone. That didn't help. Turns out I need either an Android phone or a personal mobile hotspot. My iPhone plan doesn't let me create a hotspot. Oh.

— COOKING

Glass has a couple of cooking apps, which need to be installed separately. You get Google-approved "Glassware" apps by scrolling through a MyGlass app on your phone. KitchMe lets people search for recipes and plan meals. Allthecooks does that and also lets you share personal



In this April 3, 2014, photo AP reporter Barbara Ortutay chops onions while wearing Google Glass in New York.

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recipes with others. I gave the latter a spin.

"OK, Glass, find a recipe for carrot ginger soup," I said. After the maps debacle, I was excited to see carrot and ginger soup pop up as the first result. I tapped the photo of it and got Step One of the recipe.

Hmmm. I still had no idea what ingredients I needed. I swiped back and forth on the Glass's touchpad above my right cheek. I said, "OK, Glass, get the ingredients." Nope.

Finally a Google search (on my laptop) revealed that I had to tilt my head back to see the ingredients on the screen. Pretty cool, though sometimes Glass would take a photo when I tilted. After getting the hang of it, I chopped onions and carrots and simmered the soup with the recipe conveniently visible above my right eye. When two guests arrived at our apartment, I pushed Glass above my head like a headband to

greet them. That way, I wouldn't look creepy.

I then returned to cooking. At one point, I needed to know whether ground mustard is the same as mustard seed. I searched for it on Glass, but I got paragraph-length "answers" that didn't answer my question. Because of Glass's tiny screen, many of the long-winded results included only introductions, or the questions themselves.

I gave up. Mustard is mustard.

Nonetheless, cooking is one of those intuitive, simple uses for Google Glass that makes a lot of sense.

It also implies a whole slew of other possible uses for times when you need both hands for an activity.

I could see doctors, nurses, dentists incorporating it into their profession.

In my day-to-day life, I could see using Glass to snap photos of buildings, animals and even people to learn more about them, though I realize the last one is a touchy subject for many people. It would love to use Glass to navigate inside supermarkets and department stores to find specific products. I can also see using Glass to read me news articles while I'm getting ready in the morning (a feature already available).

Before most of this happens, though, I would need a reliable Internet connection and get over the difficulties, weird surprises and somewhat frustrating experiences that come with using Glass. □

## Rights groups: Stop selling spyware to dictators

**LONDON (AP)** — A coalition of human rights groups is launching a campaign to curb the international trade in surveillance software, saying exports of sophisticated espionage programs are chilling free speech across the globe. Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and London-based Privacy

International are among those hoping to check the export of powerful spyware to unsavory governments. The call comes as journalists and activists have increasingly found themselves exposed to online assaults blamed on state-sponsored hackers. Last week, Google researchers told a security conference

in Singapore that 21 of the world's top 25 news organizations had been hit.

The campaign launched Friday may run up against European efforts to boost overseas sales of security software. Britain, for example, has announced plans to boost "cyber exports" over the next two years. □



## The Mullaney File:

# Sign of Spring on Pay: Real Wage Growth

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Jeff Dworkin, a Dallas builder, was surprised to find someone he didn't recognize inside a half-finished house this winter where crews were about to texture the home's drywall. That's how Dworkin, president of JLD Custom Homes,

weak spots.

But there are now signs that the labor market is starting to tighten enough that workers may finally get some real raises that significantly outpace inflation. "I do think there are signs wage growth is picking up," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's

percent, which works out to an after-inflation rate of about 1 percent.

In the second half of the 1990s, when unemployment fell as low as 4 percent, competition for workers helped drive up real wages and salaries for the worker at the middle of the income ladder rough-

the Federal Reserve, who said at her first news conference after taking the helm that most measures of income growth had shown little movement. She said 3 to 4 percent nominal wage growth would be normal if inflation, now running barely over 1 percent on the Fed's crucial mea-

average hourly wage of its job finders rose only 7 cents in 2013, or less than 1 percent, to \$11.41, he said.

The March unemployment rate showed average hourly wages dropping a penny, to \$24.30, after a 9 cent gain in February, but with hours worked increasing, total pay continued to gain ground.

And there are signs of region-by-region, industry-by-industry wage moves percolating under the surface. In early March, the Fed's Beige Book, a survey of conditions in various regions around the nation, reported that a third of the businesses in the St. Louis Federal Reserve district reported that pay picked up in the last three months.

It also cited multiple reports of labor shortages in construction, even though the building industry is still down 1.8 million jobs from 2007.

Wages in home construction are up 5 percent in the last year. And some companies in the hottest regions of the economy are having to pay even more to attract capable workers.

"In the last five months, the labor price went up 20 to 25 percent," said Daniel Esqueda, whose Wallco Drywall in Lewisville, Texas, has been losing workers to Texas' booming oil patch. "It's a nightmare right now."

A nightmare to him, perhaps, but encouraging news for workers.

And other regions with rapidly improving economies are reporting sharp movements in pay as well, especially if they are home to a hot sector like the technology industry.

Across the country, the number of metropolitan regions at or near the 5.5 percent unemployment rate - a signal that an area is moving closer to the full employment zone - is growing rapidly, said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors outside Philadelphia. □



**Daniel Esqueda, center, whose drywall company, Wallco Drywall, is losing workers to Texas's booming oil patch, with his brother, Ricardo, right, and Jose Dominguez, an employee, in Dallas, April 1, 2014. Esqueda said the price of labor increased 20-25 percent within the last five months, a sign that the labor market is tightening enough in some places that more workers may get raises that significantly exceed inflation.**

(Rex C. Curry/The New York Times)

discovered that the chief of a rival subcontractor was there trying to steal his workers.

"He was driving around and saw a rig, and he went inside to offer our guys more money," Dworkin said. "These guys know, even though they may not be well educated or even speak the language, that they can work for the next guy and make \$150 a day instead of \$100."

Even as the unemployment rate moves slowly downward, wage growth remains sluggish nearly five years after the recovery officially began, and has become one of the economy's most conspicuous

Analytics. Zandi was pessimistic this year about any acceleration in wage gains before 2016, but now he predicts that last year's after-inflation growth of 0.8 percent will rise to 1 percent this year and 1.1 percent in 2015. "I think we can say definitely the slowing in wage growth is over."

Those gains are still modest, especially considering that median family incomes, adjusted for inflation, fell about 10 percent during and after the recession. The typical worker is recovering only slowly from that loss. Over the past 12 months, nominal hourly wages are up a modest 2.1

ly 1.5 percent a year, the fastest sustained pace in decades. With the labor market so tight, wages for workers at the bottom of the income scale rose even faster, about 2 percent a year above the rate of inflation.

But with the jobless rate now at 6.7 percent, the labor market is still not nearly as favorable to ordinary workers as it was at the end of the last century.

The idea that wages are about to accelerate is far from unanimous among economists.

Among those who believe the evidence is still lacking is Janet L. Yellen, the newly installed chairwoman of

sure, rose to the central bank's target of 2 percent. Moreover, even as the economic cycle continues to advance, powerful underlying forces - including a relatively strong dollar that contributes to an outsourcing of jobs abroad - are helping to hold down pay increases.

"The upward pressure on wages will be there, but I'm not sure it will be fulfilled in a competitive worldwide market," said Bob Funk, chief executive of Express Employment Professionals in Oklahoma City, one of the nation's largest staffing firms. At Express, which places mostly light-industrial workers, the



## Apple's Deep Pockets: What \$159 Billion Could Do

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Big technology companies have a problem anyone would love to have: They are sitting on vast amounts of cash.

According to a report by Moody's Investors Service, U.S. companies outside the financial industry were sitting on a combined \$1.64 trillion of cash by the end of 2013. And tech giants like Apple, Google and Microsoft had the most.

Apple topped the list, with nearly \$159 billion. A decade ago, before the iPhone came along, the company was holding about \$5.5 billion. Laid out in dollar bills, Apple's current stockpile would cover around 630 square miles.

Apple seems happy to let its trove sit untouched, though the company has not said why.

John Maynard Keynes, the economist, argued that companies tend to hoard cash for three reasons: to perform day-to-day transactions, to protect themselves in the event business slows, and to prepare to make investments should opportunity arise.

Apple certainly isn't using its cash for acquisitions. Compared to its competitors, the company spends very little money buying technologies new or old.

Google has spent billions on video sites, robots, driverless-car technology and artificial intelligence software. Amazon has bought robot-makers, e-commerce services and hardware startups. And Facebook has spent more than \$20 billion in just the last two months on a messaging platform and virtual reality technology.

Yet Apple has barely broken the skin over the last decade, buying AuthenTec, a fingerprint sensor company; Siri, the voice service; and Topsy, a data analytics company.

Apple has never even made a single acquisition more than \$1 billion. Where are the robots, the driverless cars, the virtual reality goggles?

In an interview in February with The Wall Street Journal, Timothy D. Cook, Apple's chief executive, said the company had looked at big companies but had no urge to buy for the sake of buying.

"The money is also not burning a hole in our pocket where we say let's make a list of 10 and pick the best one," Cook said. He said Apple was "not going to go out and buy something for the purposes of just being big."

But the money is burning a hole in the pockets of investors who want Apple to use some of its cash to pay dividends, buy back stock or both. Carl Icahn, the vocal billionaire investor, is leading the charge.

Rick Lane, an analyst with Moody's who wrote the report on the company's cash holdings, said Apple could be holding onto some of its cash for a rainy day. Apple once fell on "very difficult times," he said, "and had to rely on, in part, the kindness of others."

"Without having to rely on the capital markets, which can be mercurial, it's a kind of self-insurance to have that cash on hands for the times when things go bump in the night," he said.

So what could Apple buy with its miles of cash?

Compared to Google, Apple seems to be focused on the here and now rather than the far-off future. (Google is building autonomous robots and cars.)

Apple could leapfrog its competitors and go all in, picking up Mars. (Yes, the planet.) NASA scientists recently said a human mission to Mars with the goal of building a colony would cost about \$160 billion. NASA even floated the idea that big corporations could sponsor the trip.

If going from iPads to interplanetary missions seems like a stretch, maybe Apple could explore transportation on Earth.

Microsoft can probably feel Apple's pain. In 2002, Microsoft was rich, sitting on \$36 billion. □

## Seeking Silver Linings in Emerging Markets

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In a quarter in which most stock funds eked out small gains, emerging-market equity portfolios couldn't even manage that much. Funds that invest broadly in the developing world fell 0.6 percent in the quarter while Asia-Pacific portfolios sank more than 2 percent, and Chinese-region funds dropped 5 percent.

The results weren't unexpected. It wasn't just that China's economy appeared to be slowing

Yet McClone and other global money managers advise investors not to panic.

Russian stocks represent only about 5 percent of the total holdings of a typical emerging-market fund. And many money managers doubt that Russia's move against Ukraine will ultimately be viewed as an emerging-market crisis.

"This has been characterized as an emerging-market problem, but this is really a developed-world issue," said Simon Hallett,

slowly making their way back in guarded ways.

Consider John C. Maxwell, manager of the Ivy International Core Equity fund, which has beaten more than 80 percent of its peers over the one and five years through March.

Maxwell's fund is allowed to hold as much as 15 percent of its assets directly in emerging-market shares. Last year, when the U.S. Federal Reserve began discussing plans to taper its stimulus efforts, the fund's developing-world stake fell



A man walks past a Chinese government propaganda billboard with the words "China dream, is my dream" near a construction site in Beijing. China's leaders have unveiled a mini-stimulus aimed at shoring up sputtering growth in the world's No. 2 economy. In the last quarter, Asia-Pacific portfolios sank more than 2 percent, and Chinese-region funds dropped 5 percent.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

even more than was previously thought. Starting in late February - when pro-Russian forces began taking control of the Crimean peninsula, leading to Moscow's annexation of that part of Ukraine - Russian stocks lost as much as a fifth of their value, and the group ended the quarter down roughly 14 percent. Now there are growing concerns that Western sanctions and rising borrowing costs could push Russia, the world's eighth-biggest economy, into a recession.

"You have the whole Russian situation unnerving investors," said Todd McClone, co-manager of the William Blair Emerging Markets Growth fund.

chief investment officer at Harding Loevner, which invests globally. He says Brazil and India, for example, aren't directly affected by the crisis in Ukraine. "On the other hand," he said, "it has a lot of implications for Germany and France and the United States," the Western nations that are threatening sanctions on Russia and that could face economic retaliation.

Some investors, in fact, wonder if the negative headlines coming out of Russia - as well as the unrelated problems in China - could be the cathartic events needed to lead contrarian investors back to emerging markets. It's too soon to tell. But bargain-minded investors are

to a five-year low of about 6 percent.

But after the Fed discussion set off a decline in emerging-markets shares, Maxwell built his developing-market stake back up to around 13 percent.

Part of the allure is valuations, he said. At the end of the first quarter, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index traded at a price-to-earnings ratio of around 10, lower than the historical average of around 14. And compared with global stocks in general, emerging-market shares are cheaper today than they were during the financial crisis, when investors fled many speculative assets.

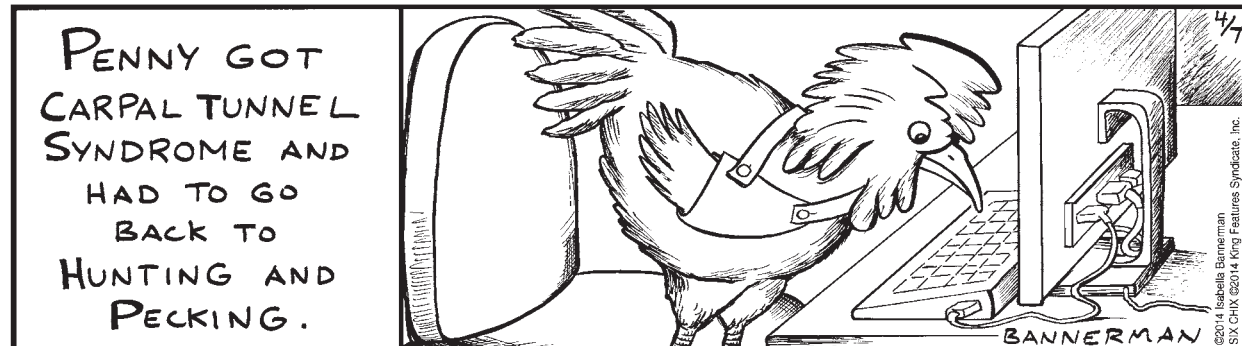
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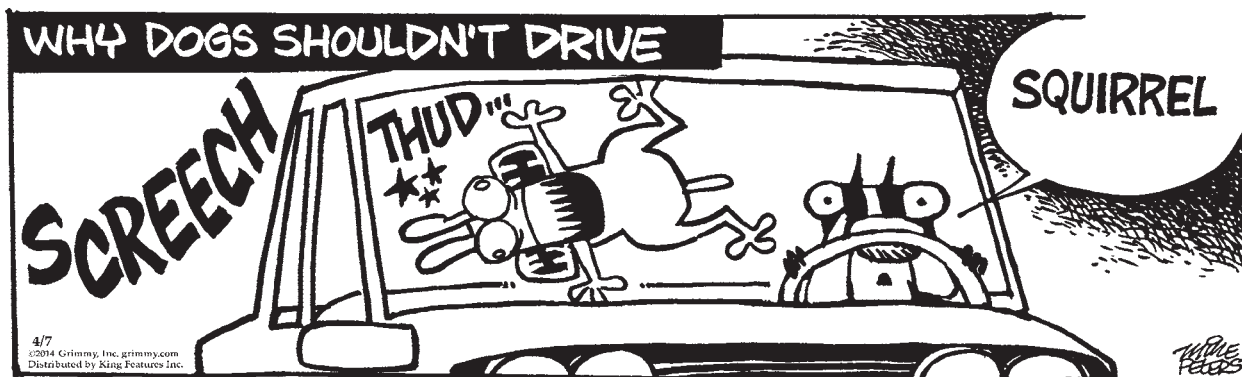
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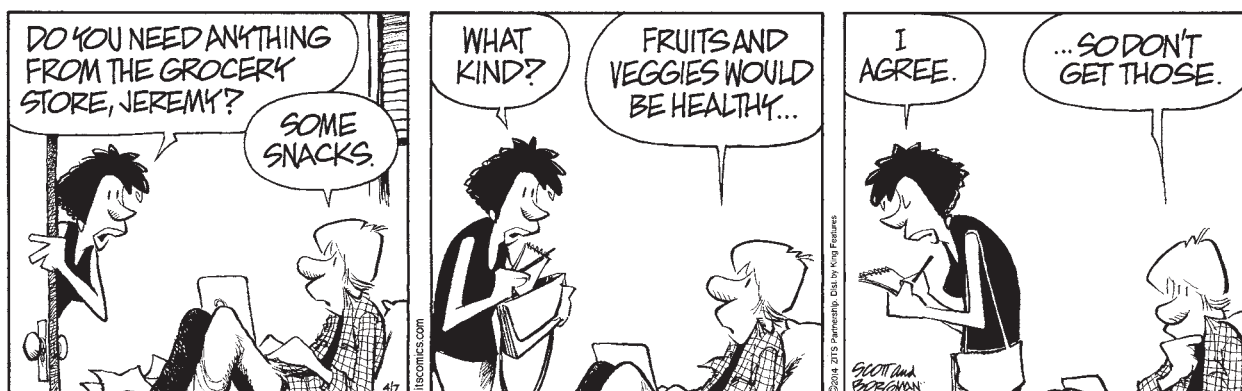
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

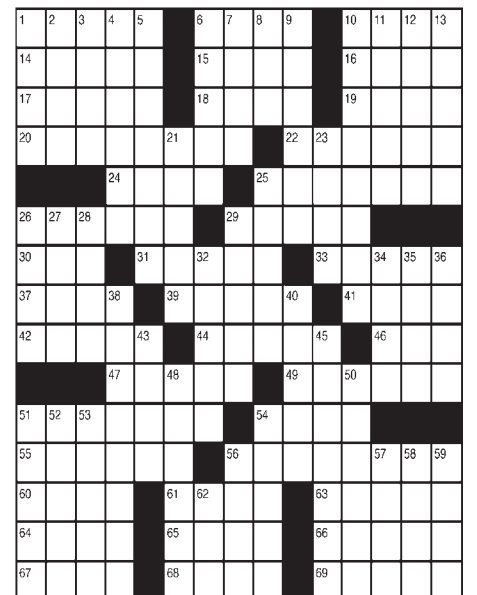
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## ACROSS

- Little rascal
- Fills with wonder
- Hot tubs
- Sum
- Hockey score
- Garment of old Rome
- Worship
- Learn by \_\_; memorize
- Emcee Trebek
- Finds a substitute for
- Locomotive
- \_\_ of Wight
- Faucets
- Part of the eye
- In \_\_; fashionable
- \_\_ Been Working on the Railroad
- Prince Harry's late mum
- Uneven
- Take care of
- Signifies
- Takes to court
- Go into
- Passenger
- Gullible one
- \_\_ B. DeMille
- In a tidy way
- Consider horrible
- Baez or Rivers
- Relaxed
- Goes on in spite of opposition
- Regretful one
- Up to the task
- Nebraska city
- Not working
- Bitter
- Belly button
- Loch \_\_; monster's lake
- Omelet maker's needs
- Frozen rain
- Refer to
- Microwave, e.g.
- Torn in two
- Slow crawler
- Eagle's nest
- Remove from power
- Barking marine mammal

## DOWN

- Night twinkler
- Zip \_\_; part of an address



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## Saturday's Puzzle Solved

COME	SHRUB	COCA
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- Singer Bobby
- Piece of music
- Strips
- \_\_ at; derides
- Sink stopper
- Rescue
- "My Country, 'Tis of \_\_"
- \_\_ and pepper
- Marsh



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"We know that things aren't going great in these regions," he said, "but right now you're being paid to take risks in the emerging markets."

Still, Maxwell says he is playing it safe. "I want to be able to get out without driving the stocks down," he said. As a result, he focuses his bets on what he calls "developing" emerging markets - economies that are among the most mature and closest to being considered a developed-market play. This group consists of China, South Korea, Brazil and Mexico, he said.

These markets are not only home to a growing middle class of consumers, but they also "offer investors liquidity," Maxwell said.

Lewis Kaufman, manager of the Thornburg Developing World fund, which has outpaced 97 percent of its peers over the last three years, agrees that emerging-market investors ought to build in safeguards.

"This is a cyclical correction," he said, adding that until the process worked its way through and emerging-markets fundamentals improved, "it's going to be bumpy."

He suggests focusing on countries with current-account surpluses, as these nations tend to have more stable currencies and aren't reliant on foreign capital. These are markets

like South Korea, the Philippines and Taiwan.

David J. Winters, manager of the Wintergreen Fund, which invests in global equities, emphasizes opportunities in Asia in general. "We believe Asia holds incredible potential over the next many years," he said. The standard of living in the region is rapidly improving, he noted, while many corporations there have embraced Western-style protocols to protect shareholder interests.

One of his fund's top holdings is Genting, a Malaysian resort and casino company with a strong balance sheet and cash flow. The company, with operations throughout Asia, but also in Britain, has returned roughly 16 percent, annualized, for the last five years. Yet the stock still traded at a modest P/E ratio of less than 12 at the end of the first quarter.

"We want a good business that's still finding ways to improve and management that's with shareholders," Winters said. "But we still need the stocks to represent good values."

Investors seeking compelling values may not want to avoid every political hot spot, said David L. Ruff, co-manager of the Forward International Dividend fund. He points out that one of the better-performing markets in the developing world recently has been Egypt, which has suffered through much political turmoil. □

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# Climate meeting to discuss future of fossil fuels

**FRANK JORDANS**  
**Associated Press**

**BERLIN (AP)** — After concluding that global warming almost certainly is man-made and poses a grave threat to humanity, the U.N.-sponsored expert panel on climate change is moving on to the next phase: what to do about it. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, or IPCC, will meet next week in Berlin to chart ways in which the world can curb the greenhouse gas emissions that scientists say are overheating the planet.

It is also trying to give estimates on what it would cost.

In the third report of a landmark climate assessment, the IPCC is expected to say that to keep warming in check, the world needs a major shift in investments from fossil fuels — the principal source of man-made carbon emissions — to renewable energy.

"Underlying this report is a lot of technical analysis of the different solutions, for example wind energy, solar, better energy efficiency and what is the cost of that," said Jake Schmidt, international climate policy director at the National Resources Defense Council, a Washington-based environmental group. "And there will also be some discussions of how deep global cuts are needed to put us onto these different



In this Feb. 25, 2008 file photo the tower of a church is pictured between the smoke billowing chimneys of the brown coal power plant Frimmersdorf in Grevenbroich near Duesseldorf, Germany.

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climate trajectories."

A leaked draft of the report sent to governments in December suggests that in order to keep global temperature increases below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 F) by the end of the century — the stated goal of international climate talks — emissions need to fall by 40-70 percent by 2050.

Investments in fossil fuels such as oil and coal would have to drop by \$30 billion a year, while spending on renewables would have to go up by \$147 billion annually, according to the draft. That message is likely to face opposition from the fossil fuel industry and

countries that depend on it.

Earlier this week, Exxon Mobile said the world's climate policies are "highly unlikely" to stop it from selling fossil fuels far into the future.

That contrasted with a message from U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres, who told oil and gas industry officials in London on Thursday that three-quarters of the fossil fuel reserves still in the ground needs to stay there for the world to achieve the 2-degree target.

"We must look past the next quarter, past the end of the decade, into the second half of the century by which time the global economy must be carbon neutral," Figueres said.

The alternative plan to mitigate climate change would involve coming up with new ways to scrub carbon out of the atmosphere or prevent too much sunlight from being trapped in the atmosphere by greenhouse gases.

Known as geoengineering, ideas floated from time to time include dropping tons of iron into the ocean to make carbon-munching algae bloom or putting an umbrella in space to shield us from the sun.

Many scientists and campaigners believe such

ideas are unlikely to work.

"My own scientific point of view is that it's too dangerous," said Bill Hare, lead author of the IPCC's 2007 report on mitigation. "It's got to be assessed though. You can't just ignore it."

Opponents say possible disastrous side effects from geoengineering could include a change in the monsoon pattern or a wid-

it is projected to inflict on economies, crops and human health.

The latest report also focuses on the costs associated with keeping warming below 2 degrees C. The draft projects consumption losses of 1-4 percent by 2030. That number is highly uncertain, though, and may be changed or deleted altogether in Berlin.

Another controversial part of the report is the one dealing with who should pay for efforts to curb climate change — an issue that's at the heart of U.N. negotiations on a new global climate agreement, set to be adopted by 2015. Poor and middle-income countries say they need more help from rich countries to switch to low-carbon energy sources.

The IPCC, which is a scientific body, tries to steer clear of politics, but notes that mitigation could involve financial transfers "in the order of hundreds of billions of dollars per year before mid-century."

By most measures, the West, which underwent industrialization earlier, has historically pumped more carbon into the atmo-



In this Nov. 19, 2008 file photo Roberto Chudzinski checks solar modules on the roof of the Soemtron AG in Soemmerda, Germany.

**Associated Press**

ening of the ozone hole that could threaten the lives of millions.

Observers will be watching for how much attention the IPCC gives to the issue when they wrangle over the wording of the final report next week in Berlin. The draft mentions it only briefly.

The two previous reports in the IPCC's first comprehensive assessment of climate since 2007 said it's 95-percent certain that climate change is man-made and highlighted the damage

sphere than newly emerging economies such as China, which has the world's highest carbon emissions.

"The main bone of contention will be how the cost is factored and how it's shared across the world," said Schmidt, of the National Resources Defense Council. "We're making decisions now that are building out our potential carbon infrastructure for decades. You can turn some of that off but there's a cost and implication for society in the future." □

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# 'Captain America' sets April record with \$96.2M

JESSICA HERNDON

AP Film Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Disney and Marvel could be one of the finest teams around.

Continuing the success of their superhero franchise, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" has set a record as the biggest domestic April release ever. The Disney sequel debuted with \$96.2 million, topping the previous record-holder, 2011's "Fast Five," which opened with \$86.2 million. "The Winter Soldier," which stars Chris Evans as the shield-wielding superhero and Scarlett Johansson (whose science-fiction film "Under the Skin" also debuted this weekend with \$140,000) as Black Widow, commanded 32 international markets last weekend.

Expanding to Russia, Australia and China in its second week, the Marvel comic adaptation, boasting a budget of over \$170 million, earned \$107.1 million internationally this weekend, bringing its overall worldwide haul to more than \$303 million.

Also a touchstone for Imax, "The Winter Soldier" received \$9.6 million of its U.S. haul on 346 screens showing the film in the enhanced resolution format. Internationally, it showed on 278 Imax screens, bringing in \$6.5 million, \$4 million of which was delivered from China.

"Captain America: The First Avenger," which had a budget of around \$140 million, debuted in July 2011 with \$65 million. Overall, it



This image released by Marvel shows Robert Redford, left, and Chris Evans in a scene from "Captain America: The Winter Soldier."

earned \$371 million worldwide.

Why the shift to an April release rather than remaining a summer launch?

"We looked at the possibility of creating separation from the other summer tentpoles," said Dave Hollis, head of worldwide theatrical distribution for Disney. "There was an opportunity. We have the second Marvel film coming at the end of the summer in 'Guardians of the Galaxy.' We wanted to start and end the summer and take advantage of this holiday. In the next month or so we'll have the benefit of spring break."

"The Avengers effect," as Hollis calls it, set the stage for the continuation of Marvel's massive box office presence, which includes the "Iron Man" and "Thor"

franchises. With the release of the films' sequels, both have seen earning jumps of over 35 percent.

"There are very few movie brands that are this consistent," Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak, said of the Disney-Marvel team. "For 'The Winter Soldier' to push on \$100 million in April shows that you can release a big movie any time of the year. Every studio is going to be looking at this date to plant their flag in the future."

Meanwhile, Paramount's biblical saga "Noah," starring Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly and Emma Watson, took a drastic dip in its second weekend, earning \$17 million after debuting with \$44 million. Still, it sailed into second place, crossing the \$70 million mark do-

mestically, while pushing Lionsgate's young adult science-fiction thriller "Divergent," led by Shailene Woodley, to third with \$13 million in its third week. Its stateside total is now \$114 million.

Freestyle Releasing's surprise hit "God's Not Dead" took the No. 4 slot with \$7.7 million in its third weekend.

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## Stern on 'Late Show' job: 'My plate is full'

ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Howard Stern is just one of the names industry spectators are floating around as a possible replacement for David Letterman.

At least for now, however, the longtime radio personality says his plate's already full.

Stern addressed the late-night TV talk show host's retirement announcement while arriving in New York on Friday to judge auditions for NBC's "America's Got Talent."

The 60-year-old stressed Letterman's impact on late-night TV, saying he's sad to see Letterman go. Stern says he's had a great time during his appearances on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

One person who thinks Stern would be great for

Despite the decrease in the "Noah" box office performance, the outcome of the film's debut, its overall haul, and the success of both "Son of God" and "God's Not Dead" bodes well for other religious-themed films coming this year, including "Heaven is for Real," starring Greg Kinnear and "Exodus: Gods and Kings," starring Christian Bale.

Coming in at No. 5, Wes Anderson's "The Grand Budapest Hotel" collected \$6.3 million, bringing its domestic total to \$33 million. Fox Searchlight expanded its stylish comedy to 1,263 locations, and the studio plans to add even more in the coming weeks. This is Anderson's second widest expansion following 2009's "Fantastic Mr. Fox."

"As this movie is expanding it is just building an audience," Dergarabedian said. A total of "\$33 million compared to something like 'Captain America' doesn't sound like a lot, but it's a huge number for a film like 'Grand Budapest' that is so indie-minded and original." □

## 'Zealot' author Aslan returns to subject of God

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Author Reza Aslan is working on a new book about God.

Aslan has a deal with Random House for a book about how views of God have changed across faith traditions over time. The book is titled "The Story of God" and will look at how

prophetic figures and others have shaped humans' relationship with God.

The deal was announced Friday. No release date has been set. Aslan is the author of the best-seller "Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth" and teaches creative writing

at the University of California-Riverside. He became an Internet sensation last year after a Fox News interview during which he was repeatedly asked why a Muslim would write a book on Jesus. Aslan emigrated from Iran to the United States as a boy. □



Howard Stern arrives for an "America's Got Talent" taping at Madison Square Garden on Friday, April 4, 2014, in New York.

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the job is fellow "America's Got Talent" judge Heidi Klum. She says he'd be perfect.

Letterman announced Thursday he plans to retire next year. □





Designer Diane von Furstenberg, left, presents the The 5th Annual DVF Award to Gloria Steinem on Friday, April 4, 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

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## Gloria Steinem honored with annual DVF award

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Nobody can really believe that Gloria Steinem has just turned 80 years old — and that includes Steinem herself.

"I don't believe it for a minute," quipped Steinem, the venerated women's rights activist, on Friday night at the annual DVF awards, where she was honored with a Lifetime Leadership Award.

"I've been stopping people in the street practically," she said in a brief interview before the awards ceremony, "and saying, 'You know, I'm having an 80th birthday,' because I have to convince myself!" Steinem said she spent her March 25 birthday in Botswana, riding elephants. "I had done it before, and I knew that on my birthday I wanted to be riding elephants," she said. But was it the best day of her life? No, because she says the best day of her life is yet to come.

"I live in the future," she said. And besides, she added: "I have to live for another 20 years, because I can't finish my writing deadlines! So I have to at least make it to 100."

The DVF Awards were created in 2010 by designer Diane von Furstenberg and The Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation to recognize and support "women who are using their resources, commitment and visibility to transform the lives of other women." Six women were honored Friday for their contributions. Presenting the leadership award to Steinem, von Furstenberg challenged the audience to name "another woman in our lifetime who has done more to make women's leadership a reality."

Also honored Friday night at the ceremony at the United Nations headquarters was singer Alicia Keys, who received the Inspiration Award.

"I really believe in inspiration. I want to make inspiration my business," Keys told the crowd, to cheers.

Each award winner receives \$50,000 for her chosen cause.

"You can imagine how great it is to be able to give away \$50,000," Steinem said, noting that her money was being used to advocate for the human rights of women and girls around the world. □



In an April 29, 2006 file photo, Hugh Masekela performs during the 2006 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans.

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## Paul Simon celebrates Masekela's 75th birthday

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — South African trumpeter and vocalist Hugh Masekela celebrated his 75th birthday with a little help from some old friends — Paul Simon and Harry Belafonte — in the city where he began what turned out to be a 30-year exile from his homeland. Introducing Simon near the end of Friday night's concert at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Rose Theater, Masekela noted that millions of people "who had never heard of South Africa before were just charmed and turned around by the album he made" in 1986 — "Graceland," which won Grammys for Album and Record of the Year. Masekela did not perform on the singer-songwriter's groundbreaking world music album much of which was recorded in South Africa when he was still exiled because of his attacks on the apartheid regime. But he and his former wife, singer Miriam Makeba, joined Simon on his "Graceland" world tour which gave South African musicians global exposure.

Masekela and Simon then sang two of the album's biggest hits — "The Boy In the Bubble" and "You Can Call Me Al" — backed by his quintet of young musicians, all but one of them from South Africa.

Earlier, singer Sibongile Khumalo earned a standing ovations as she joined Masekela for one number, displaying the multi-octave range and powerful voice that has earned her the reputation as South Africa's "First Lady of Song." Masekela's son, Sal, opened the concert by noting that his father has been "sharing the gift and the joy of music to people all around the world for the last five decades. For some reason, he does not get old." Masekela, who turned 75 on Friday, proved that by performing for more than two hours — playing flugelhorn, singing, engaging in call-and-response patterns with the audience, and even throwing in a few dance moves.

He offered a retrospective of his biggest hits including: "Bajabula Bonke (The Healing Song)"; "Stimela

(Coal Train)," in which he imitated the sounds of the train bringing conscripted black men from all parts of southern Africa to work under exploitative conditions in the gold mines around Johannesburg; and the joyful 1968 pop instrumental hit "Grazing in the Grass," during which the audience heeded his request to "stand up and shake some booty."

He also performed Bob Dylan's "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue," describing its composer as "one of the greatest warriors against injustice," a nod to the years he spent in the late '60s on the West Coast where he recorded with The Byrds and performed at the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival.

Masekela later gave a shout out to Belafonte who was seated in the audience, describing how the singer helped bring him in 1960 to study at the Manhattan School of Music after he left South Africa as the apartheid regime became increasingly repressive following the Sharpeville Massacre in which dozens of black protesters were killed by police. □



## Michael Lewis' Crusade



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There is always something just a little frustrating about reading a Michael Lewis book. On the one hand, Lewis' core point - whether it is that left tackle has become the second most important position in football ("The Blind Side"), or that the stock market has become rigged by high-frequency traders, as his new book, "Flash Boys," claims - is almost always dead-on. His ability to find compelling characters and tell a great story through their eyes is unparalleled. He can untangle complex subjects like few others. His prose sparkles.

On the other hand, there usually comes a point in a Michael Lewis narrative when it all starts to feel just a little too perfect. "Flash Boys," which is excerpted in The New York Times Magazine, is no exception. The book's hero, Brad Katsuyama, is a young executive at the Royal Bank of Canada who realizes that something has gone awry with the stock market. As he digs deeper, he realizes that secretive high-frequency trading firms, taking advantage of lightning-fast computers, willing accomplices in the stock exchanges and some poorly thought-out federal regulation, have effectively hijacked the equity markets. Roused to action by what he has discovered, Katsuyama quits his job and starts up a new exchange, IEX, which includes a clever "speed bump" that levels the playing field for investors.

So far, so good. But Lewis doesn't stop there. To make his hero appear even more heroic, he casts Katsuyama as the only person on Wall Street to figure out the high-frequency trading scam, and the only person with the courage to do something about it. That's not quite the case.

Nearly two years ago, Scott Patterson of The Wall Street Journal wrote a book titled "Dark Pools: The Rise of the Machine Traders and the Rigging of the U.S. Stock Market," which also exposed the scam. The book is structured remarkably like Lewis' - Patterson's got a heroic central character who learns the tactics of the high-frequency bunch and then acts on it by going to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Except Patterson's hero isn't Brad Katsuyama; he is Haim Bodek. When I caught up with Bodek, he groused about how Katsuyama had only part of the picture, and how there were other elements

of high-frequency trading that needed as much if not more exposure.

Another critic of high-frequency trading who appears in "Dark Pools," Dan Mathis of Credit Suisse, actually thought up an electronic exchange in 2011 - long before Katsuyama - aimed at keeping high-frequency traders at bay. There are other companies that also make it possible for institutional investors to trade blocks of stock without being subjected to the abuses of high-frequency traders.

What are those abuses? The one Lewis absolutely nails is a highly sophisticated version of front-running - that is, knowing how someone is going to trade and profiting by getting in front of that trade. This is illegal - except, apparently, when high-frequency traders do it. But even if high-frequency traders aren't violating the law, the tactic smells to high heaven, creating an unlevel playing field that costs investors money.

Bodek points to other scams - the way, for instance, high-frequency traders have their own special order types, a kind of secret handshake (approved, sadly, by the Securities and Exchange Commission) that moves them to the front of the queue. High-frequency traders are allowed to "co-locate" their computers inside the exchange, the better to ensure their speed advantage over other investors. The Wall Street Journal reported last summer that high-frequency traders can pay to get early peeks at business news releases, information they can trade on before anyone else.

From where I'm sitting, it is a blessing that Lewis chose to write about high-frequency traders. Others may have come before, but nobody else could have created the firestorm that Lewis did by going on "60 Minutes" on Sunday and announcing that high-frequency traders had rigged the market. The FBI, the Justice Department and New York's attorney general, Eric Schneiderman, are now investigating high-frequency trading. The Securities and Exchange Commission, whose regulations unwittingly helped create the problem, is also said to be investigating.

Always before, discussions around high-frequency traders took place after events like the "Flash Crash" of 2010. Then the question was whether the computer technology used by high-frequency traders was destabilizing the market.

The arrival of "Flash Boys" has put a more important question on the table: whether high-frequency traders have been given an unfair advantage that needs to be dealt with. Lewis' answer is clearly yes, and "Flash Boys" is both clear enough and persuasive enough that Lewis' millions of readers are likely to agree with him.

A little literary license is a small price to pay. □



## All in the Family, Sort Of



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Here's the latest life lesson from the campaign trail: If you are, say, making a home movie about how great your family is, try to remember to use pictures of your actual relatives, and not random attractive strangers.

We bring you this important tip from South Dakota, where Mike Rounds, a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, came up with a debut video in which he tells prospective voters that the rest of the nation "could learn a lot from the people of South Dakota." Meanwhile, the viewer is treated to pictures of folks building houses, having meetings, playing with the family - doing all sorts of positive things that presumably exemplify the state's wholesome lifestyle.

Unfortunately, it turns out that they are stock photos from parts unknown. Except we did learn that the fetching woman holding her pen at that meeting is actually in Paris.

"It was a matter of trying to be good stewards with our client's budget," said John Pohlman, an executive for the Rounds creative team. In South Dakota, the controversy has devolved into an argument about whether this piece was the first ad of the campaign or just something thrown casually together as a sort of experiment. But not a commentary on whether South Dakotans are photogenic! Be fair.

We're likely to run into a lot of

this kind of screw-up before November. (Perhaps you remember last year when New York City mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner triumphantly opened his new website with a banner that featured a skyline shot of Pittsburgh.) They certainly help pass the time, but should we ever care?

The answer is that you should not criticize a politician for doing something that you could easily imagine yourself doing, too. For instance, this week Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana walked into a committee hearing and started happily questioning a witness - until his aide slipped him a note pointing out that Coats had gone to the wrong meeting and was querying a person who had no idea whatsoever what he was talking about. I believe I speak for many Americans when I say that given the excitement level of most Senate hearings, this seems perfectly plausible.

On the other hand, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky recently released a video about the glories of his home state that featured what was supposed to be a triumphant local basketball team but was in fact hated Kentucky rival Duke. Misidentifying a bunch of college athletes is something else that I could totally understand. But there appear to be a lot of people out there who will never, ever get over it. This happened just as the NCAA tournament was getting into high gear, and, honestly, you'd have thought that McConnell ran across the court naked at halftime.

One of the few potentially significant disasters so far occurred in Iowa, where Rep. Bruce Braley, the leading Democratic contender for the Senate, got caught warning some Texas trial lawyers that if Republicans won a majority, the Judiciary Committee would be run by Sen. Chuck Grassley, "a farmer from Iowa who never went to law school." It sounded terrible.

Although, to be fair, you could imagine somebody like Grassley warning a roomful of farmers about the possibility of a trial lawyer running the Agriculture Committee.

Everybody zeroed in on the farmer-denigration angle, forcing Braley to send out a news release listing his own personal ties to the land, including many youthful hours spent detasseling corn and baling hay. In which the words "detasseling" and "baling" were both unfortunately misspelled.

Oh, Iowa, Iowa. We spend so much time thinking about Iowa, home of the First Presidential Caucuses, which seem to go on for at least two years. (This just in: new poll finds Mike Huckabee leading the Republican field among Iowa senior citizens!) Iowa gets so much attention, it seems unfair that it has a hot Senate race, too.

You may have heard about Joni Ernst, a hitherto obscure candidate for the Republican nomination, who became famous overnight with her now-immortal castration video, in which she brags about her early experience on the farm, neutering hogs. The video won her a mention on "The Tonight Show," and the triumphant Ernst posted an invitation to watch the video on the Web, next to a picture of a rather optimistic-looking porker. However, as Michael McAuliffe reported in The Huffington Post, the animal in question was actually in a stock photo from Denmark.

Oh, Joni Ernst campaign! Iowa has 20 million pigs, and you go for the equivalent of the French woman at the meeting.

The candidate's spokesman issued a lighthearted statement claiming the hog "was born and raised in Holland but eventually legally emigrated to Iowa," and reminding everybody that Bruce Braley had misspelled "bale." Holland is actually not in Denmark. But it's been that kind of year. □



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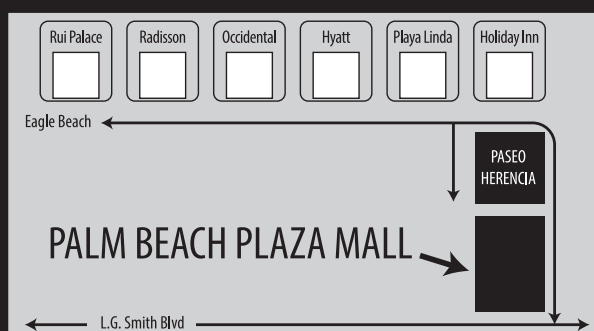
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Here's the scoop on how it began. Carnival was born in 1954, as a series of small street festivals. The Tivoli Club, Aruba's oldest private social club, was the first to have a pre-Lenten celebration in Oranjestad in February 1944. The Allied victory of World War II was commemorated by an Aruba Festival - a large parade in San Nicolas comprised largely of Caribbean-English immigrants who came to Aruba to work at

the Lago Oil Refinery. The first steel and brass bands debuted a few years later and small parades sprouted here and there. Tonight at 8PM, Palm Beach Plaza Mall will have a great Carnival Show where you can experience for yourself the taste of Aruba's Carnival culture with the opportunity to take pictures with the majestic carnival dancers with carnival costumes. Come and enjoy the show!



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